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impression that the subject was alone in the world and came from the western part of the U.S.; he was unable to substantiate his supposition. Mr. FRIEDMAN said that as far as he knew, subject's relationship with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, was strictly on an employer-employee basis, and that subject apparently did not have any friends, at least friends of which FRIEDMAN was aware. FRIEDMAN stated that subject had never committed himself as to his political views and that all conversations were general in nature. In conclusion, Mr. FRIEDMAN said that to the best of his recollection, subject entered the military service in 1943 and that he has not been in contact with FRIEDMAN since.

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Report of SA WALTER G. GUTHEIL, JR. dated 5/25/56  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>HARRY H. WHIDBEE</b>	<b>mnt</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

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SYNOPSIS:

Contacts of subject's cousin, ELI SILVER, Marinette, Arizona, identified. WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, partner, Signet Laboratories, Los Angeles, denied knowledge of KOVAL; failed to recognize photograph of subject; does not recall conversation with JEAN FINKELSTEIN at New Years Eve party in 1950, and states he and wife, DORIS HOSE, had not visited Europe together until spring and summer 1953. JEAN MORDETZKY, nee FINKELSTEIN, re-affirms New Years Eve party definitely in December of 1950 and persons she conversed with were Mr. & Mrs. HOSE or HOSE of Signet Laboratories. Interview of JACK JUPITER set forth. HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, uncle and aunt of subject, interviewed 5/24/56, and advised entire KOVAL family departed Sioux City, Iowa, spring 1932, embarking Port of New York for Biro-Bidjan Region, Russia. GURSHTELS advised to their knowledge, none of KOVAL family ever returned to United States and all were present in Russia when they visited there in 1936. HARRY GURSHTEL denied that KOVAL employed for him at Harry's Square Deal Store, Sioux City, 1933-36. On 6/19/56, GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised letter received from

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subject's father, ABRAHAM KOVAL from Russia which reflects subject now married and is instructor Mendelaiv Institute in Moscow. Interviews with PEARL SILVER and SARAH BEGUN set forth. CLIFTON W. REED recalls KOVAL as fellow ASTP student at New York City College (NYCC) last semester 1944. REED states not closely associated with KOVAL at NYCC or MED, Oak Ridge, and has not seen nor heard of KOVAL since 1945. LEONARD FIELDS, fellow student, NYCC, advised was closely associated with KOVAL, 1946-48. KOVAL indicated to FIELDS no foreign residence 1932-40. FIELDS states reasonably certain KOVAL had no part-time employment, New York City, during 1947 and 1948. FIELDS identified two other associates of KOVAL.

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DETAILS:

Identity of Contacts, Subject's Cousin,  
ELI SILVER, Marinette, Arizona

T-1 and T-2, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 14, March 1 and March 15, 1956, that ELI or JACKIE SILVER received mail at [redacted] Marinette, Arizona, from the following:

Letter from [redacted]  
Los Angeles 6, California,  
Postmarked Las Vegas, Nevada, February 3, 1956

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The [redacted]  
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T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 18 and 21, 1955, that during April and July 1954, and February and July 1955, ELI SILVER then residing at

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Corcoran, California, telephone numbers 694M and 632M, made numerous telephone calls to one JACKIE KLEIN or CLINE (phonetic) at Los Angeles, telephone numbers WY 00232, Logan O-0232, and Webster 90232.

Mrs. PEARL SILVER, [redacted] Los Angeles, advised Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE on May 2, 1956, she is the mother of ELI SILVER who is married to JACKIE CLINE. She stated that MATILDA CLINE is the mother of her son's wife.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office reflect no information which could be identified with MATILDA CLINE or KLEIN.

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Letter Postmarked Anaheim, California,  
February 14, 1956, from [redacted] Avenue,  
Van Nuys, California

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HARRY GURSHTTEL, [redacted] Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed by Special Agents HARRY H. WHIDBEE and CHESTER C. ORTON on May 24, 1956. He advised his wife, GOLDIE GURSHTTEL, is an aunt of GEORGE KOVAL. He stated that GRACE GERTZ, a daughter of PEARL SILVER by a former marriage to SAM GERTZ, is now married to ARTHUR GOLDBERG and resides at [redacted] Avenue, Van Nuys, California.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no information which could be identified with the names GRACE GERTZ, GRACE GOLDBERG or ARTHUR GOLDBERG.

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Letter from 5431 San Vicente,  
#10, Los Angeles, California

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Letter Postmarked February 15 at  
Fresno, California, from P. O.  
Box 1328, Fresno, California

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 19, 1956, that P. O. Box 1328, Fresno, California, is listed to Temple Beth Israel, Rabbi DAVID L. GREENBERG, Pastor.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no pertinent identifiable information concerning Rabbi DAVID L. GREENBERG.

Letter Postmarked February 18,  
Los Angeles from P. SILVER,

[redacted]  
Hollywood 46, California

On May 2, 1956, PEARL SILVER, [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed by Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE and WILLIAM G. CARPENTER. She advised she is the mother of ELI SILVER who is married to JACKIE CLINE and who resides in Marinette, Arizona.

Letter Postmarked February 25, 1956,  
Los Angeles, from 4811 Rosewood  
Avenue, Los Angeles

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Mrs. PEARL SILVER advised on May 2, 1956, that her son, EUGENE SILVER, twin brother of ELI SILVER, currently resides at [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles.

Letter Postmarked February 26, 1956,  
Los Angeles, California, from  
DAVID CLINE, [redacted]

[redacted] Los Angeles, California

Mrs. PEARL SILVER, [redacted] Avenue, advised Special Agents HARRY H. WHIDBEE and WILLIAM G. CARPENTER on May 2, 1956, that DAVID CLINE is a relative of JACKIE CLINE, her daughter-in-law.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no pertinent information identifiable with this DAVID CLINE.

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Letter Postmarked Beverly Hills,  
California (no date shown), from [redacted]  
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The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no pertinent identifiable information regarding this MEL DORFMAN.

Letter Postmarked March 9, 1956,  
Van Nuys, California, from GOLDIE  
GURSIITIL (?), [redacted]  
Sherman Oaks, California

On May 24, 1956, GOLDIE GURSHTTEL, [redacted] Avenue,  
Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed by Special Agents  
HARRY H. WHIDBEE and CHESTER C. ORTON. She advised she is the  
sister of PEARL SILVER and aunt of ELI SILVER.

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Communication Postmarked March 9, 1956,  
East Los Angeles, California, from [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Los Angeles 35, California

The [redacted]  
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The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no identifiable information concerning this NORMAN BORNE.

Regarding WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE

It is noted that on February 20, 1956, JEAN MORDETZKY, former girl friend of KOVAL who now resides at [redacted] Avenue, La Verne, California, was interviewed by Special Agents HARRY H. WHIDBEE and JAMES A. MILLS. She advised that she attended a New Years Eve party in December 1950 at an unknown

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address in West Los Angeles with a casual date, JACK or JACOB JUPITER. She recalled meeting at this party a man and wife named ROSE or HOSE who told her they were associated with Signet Laboratories at Los Angeles. During conversation with this couple, the husband mentioned that they knew GEORGE KOVAL who attended New York City College and further, that they had met him in Paris, France, during a trip to Europe in either 1949 or 1950.

Records of the Retail Merchant's Credit Association, Los Angeles, were caused to be searched by SE B. FRANK CROSS on March 2, 1956. These records reflect a report dated November 12, 1953, for WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, age about 34, wife HILDA D., residence #2 Skyline Drive, Burbank, California, formerly 664 South Oak Knoll, Pasadena, California, 240 - 17th Street, Oakland, California, originally from Cambridge, Massachusetts. This record reflected HOSE as a partner, Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles.

HOSE was formerly employed Essiron Pharmacal Supply Company, 1812 Georgio, Los Angeles; left that employment July 1949, and prior thereto, employed with L. A. Butcher Company (Atom Bomb Prod.), one year, more previously with Oak Ridge Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, - one year, U. S. Army from 1941 - 1945.

T-5, a firm engaging in collecting and preparing financial reports concerning business enterprises in the Los Angeles area, furnished information on February 21, 1956, that Signet Laboratories, 614-622 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, is a partnership of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE and JAMES HERSCHEL WHITE, begun in 1949. This record reflects HOSE was born in 1918 in Michigan, came to California in 1920, received B. A. Degree in Chemistry from Stanford University, M. A. Degree from Columbia University and Doctor's Degree from University of Basel in Switzerland, (no dates shown).

HOSE was formerly an Associate Professor of Chemistry at the University of California, and a lecturer at the University of Southern California. He was formerly active as a Consultant operating from 119 North La Peer Drive, Beverly Hills, before becoming interested in this partnership.

These records reflect that JAMES H. WHITE was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1917, is married, and has resided locally for a number of years. Prior to this partnership, WHITE was a Securities Broker and an Insurance Agent.

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Files of the Headquarters Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., and those of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI contain no pertinent information identifiable with WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, HILDA D. HOSE, JAMES HERSCHEL WHITE or Signet Laboratories.

WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, partner, Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer Avenue, Beverly Hills, California, was interviewed by Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE on May 8, 1956.

Mr. HOSE advised he and his wife HILDA D., or DORIS HOSE, took a trip to Europe in April, May and June 1953, during which they stayed at Paris, France, for several weeks in June 1953 prior to returning to the United States. They returned to the United States aboard the "Liberte" in June 1953. He said that between Christmas and New Years in 1953, he recalls he and his wife attending an "open house party" at the home of EDWARD and HARRIET STEARNS, [redacted] Road, Pacific Palisades, California.

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HOSE stated he recalled no conversation concerning a GEORGE KOVAL nor does he recall a conversation with a young woman named JEAN FINKELSTEIN regarding her acquaintance with GEORGE KOVAL at New York City College.

HOSE viewed a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL taken in March 1948 and stated he was positive he had never met this person at any time, especially during his trip to Europe in 1953. He recalled no acquaintances named JACK JUPITER or having met FINKELSTEIN or JUPITER at the above-described party.

HOSE advised that he was employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee for the AEC during the last part of his Army service from January 13, 1945, to January 1946. He stated he was engaged in "personnel procurement" and spent most of his time away from Oak Ridge seeking recruits for special technical assignments at the Oak Ridge Project. He stated that he recalls doing no recruiting at New York City College or from anywhere in New York State.

HOSE conversed with his wife, DORIS HOSE by telephone and she confirmed no knowledge of a meeting with anyone named GEORGE KOVAL in France during 1953 or at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1945 - 1946. She recalled specifically attending the party at the STEARNS residence in December 1953 but failed to recall a conversation with JEAN FINKELSTEIN or JACK JUPITER regarding GEORGE KOVAL.

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HOSE stated specifically he does not recall attending a New Years Eve party in 1950.

HOSE then contacted Mrs. HARRIETT STEARNS by telephone to confirm the date of her "open house" party in 1953. She advised him that this party was held between Christmas and New Years Eve 1953. She failed to recall any guests named JEAN FINKELSTEIN or JACK JUPITER. HOSE states he does not recall any business connection with any firm in New York known as Raven Electric Company or ever having had any dealings with such an organization or a person named BENJAMIN W. LASSEN.

T-6, a confidential source abroad, advised of the following information during 1952 which was attributed to T-7, whom T-6 describes as having furnished accurate information in the past but who has apparently withheld information on various occasions:

Based upon the known activities and background of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the Raven Electric Company, New York City, it was the informant's opinion that LASSEN is identical with the unknown Soviet Agent [redacted] b1

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(S) On May 14, 1956, JEAN MORDETZKY, [redacted] La Verne, California, was re-contacted by SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE. She advised she is positive that the New Years Eve party which she attended with JACK JUPITER was held in December 1950. She states she is certain the persons she spoke to about GEORGE KOVAL were a man and wife who were connected in some way with Siginet Laboratories, but could only recall their names as Mr. and Mrs. HOSE or Mr. and Mrs. ROSE. She stated she is positive that she and the husband of this couple were talking about the same GEORGE KOVAL and recalls that this man acknowledged the identity of KOVAL by indicating knowledge of KOVAL's attendance at NYCC and later assignment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. b6 b7C

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She said it could be possible that this man, Mr. ROSE or Mr. ROSE, could have known of KOVAL indirectly through other associates but she has the definite recollection of the conversation with this man pertaining to KOVAL's attendance at New York City College during the war and his later assignment at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

She further specifically recalls conversation of this man and his wife to the effect that they had met GEORGE KOVAL in Paris, France, during a trip to Europe from which they had recently returned. She stated ordinarily such a casual conversation would not have impressed her memory; however, this was the only persons she had ever met who knew of GEORGE KOVAL or had seen or heard of him since his disappearance in 1948. Thus, it was extremely important to her at this time and therefore, she felt it not unusual that she would recall the above-described conversation.

Interview of JACK JUPITER

On June 19, 1956, Mr. JACOB JUPITER, also known as JACK JUPITER, a Psychiatric Social Worker, was located at Vista Del Mar Child Care Center, 3200 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, and was interviewed by Special Agents CHESTER C. ORTON and HARRY H. WHIDBEE.

JUPITER stated he recalls attending a New Years Eve party in December 1950 with JEAN MORDETZKY, then known to him as JEAN FINKELSTEIN. This New Years Eve party, he recalls, was held at an address in North Hollywood. He related he had received an invitation from a friend, Dr. SIDNEY FINE, a psychiatrist, to attend a New Years Eve party of another person, Miss KATY BALDWIN, who was a Psychiatric Social Worker from the University of California at Los Angeles. He recalls this party was held at BALDWIN's residence in North Hollywood. He said he and JEAN FINKELSTEIN met Dr. FINE at his residence, 114 South Stonehaven Way in West Los Angeles, and drove to this party with Dr. FINE.

He stated that KATY BALDWIN is now married to a man named KOLODZIEJSKI, and resides at [redacted] Avenue, Playa Del Rey, Telephone Exbrook 97285.

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He vaguely recalls that during the evening of this New Years party, JEAN FINKELSTEIN had a conversation with a couple but he does not recall to what this conversation pertained nor the identity of the couple.

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JUPITER stated he does not know GEORGE KOVAL and does not recall FINKELSTEIN mentioning this name to him during that evening.

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The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI reflect no pertinent information identifiable with JACOB JUPITER or JACK JUPITER.

Interview of HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL

On May 21, 1956, GOLDIE GURSHTEL, [redacted] Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed by Special Agents HARRY H. WHIDBEE and WILLIAM G. CARPENTER.

She briefly advised that her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL and his entire family, including his wife, ETHEL KOVAL, and his three sons, ISAAH, GEORGE, and GABRIEL, departed the United States in 1932 for Russia. She said she and her husband, HARRY GURSHTEL visited them in Russia during 1936 but she has not heard from them in over twenty years.

In the absence of her husband, HARRY GURSHTEL, she requested that this interview be deferred until he was present with her.

On May 24, 1956, HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, [redacted] Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, were interviewed by Special Agents CHESTER C. ORTON and HARRY H. WHIDBEE. They stated that ABRAHAM KOVAL is the brother of GOLDIE GURSHTEL and GEORGE KOVAL is her nephew. The GURSHTELS advised that the entire KOVAL family had departed Sioux City, Iowa, where they were then residing during the spring of 1932. They left by train for New York City where they later embarked by ship, the name of which was unknown to them, en route to Russia.

The GURSHTELS stated that ABRAHAM KOVAL had, for many years prior to 1932, been interested in returning to Russia to the settlement in Biro-Bidjan. They stated that the KOVAL family reached Russia safely and settled in Biro-Bidjan, Far Eastern Region of the "Jewish Autonomous State."

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They stated that in 1936 they traveled to Europe during which time they visited HARRY GURSHTEL's parents, who were then in Poland, and later visited ABRAHAM KOVAL and his family in the Far Eastern Region of Biro-Bidjan. They said they spent about one week with the KOVAL family.

At that time, GEORGE and ISIAH KOVAL, the two oldest sons of ABRAHAM, were assisting their father on a collective farm. They stated the youngest son, GABRIEL, had finished school and was, during their visit, away from home on a vacation trip.

The GURSHTELS stated that upon their return, they corresponded with ABRAHAM KOVAL until around 1937, after which date no replies were received from letters written to him.

The California Legislature, Fourth Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948, page 196, reflects that "Biro-Bidjan is a Jewish Communist Colony in the Soviet Union."

The GURSHTELS both advised that to their knowledge, none of the KOVAL family have ever returned to the United States.

They were shown a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL taken in March 1948 but both stated they could not recognize this photograph as GEORGE KOVAL and doubted whether they would recognize this subject due to the length of time elapsed since they last saw him in 1936.

GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised she last attempted contact with ABRAHAM KOVAL by letter in early January 1956. GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised that during their trip to Europe in 1936, while visiting in Poland, she visited briefly with her sister, IDA ABORAMOVICH and her husband, AARON ABORAMOVICH, who were then residing at a village named Telechan near Pinsk, Poland. She said that IDA ABORAMOVICH is a sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL and an aunt of GEORGE KOVAL. She stated this was the last time she saw or heard from IDA ABORAMOVICH or her family and had heard rumors which came to them from survivors who escaped to Israel during the war, that the ABORAMOVICH family were among those massacred by the Nazis at Pinsk, Poland, during World War II. She stated she had no information that GEORGE KOVAL had ever attempted to locate or visit this aunt, IDA ABORAMOVICH, in Poland.

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GOLDIE GURSHTEL furnished the following information concerning relatives of ABRAHAM KOVAL who reside in the United States.

PEARL SILVER is the sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL. PEARL formerly lived in Sioux City, Iowa, where she was married to SAM GERTZ. She had one child, GRACE GERTZ, by SAM before they were divorced. She married PAUL SILVER and later moved to Los Angeles in 1948. PEARL SILVER is now deceased. Twin sons, ELI and EUGENE SILVER, were born to PEARL SILVER. ELI is now married to JACKIE CLINE and lives at Marinette, Arizona. EUGENE SILVER is married and resides at [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles, California. GRACE GERTZ was previously married and divorced and is now married to ARTHUR GOLDBERG and resides on [redacted] Avenue, Van Nuys, California.

SARAH BEGUN is also a sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL, according to Mrs. GURSHTEL. SARAH BEGUN resides at [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles. She formerly resided at Sioux City, Iowa, and was married to MORRIS BEGUN. The BEGUNS moved to Los Angeles from Sioux City, Iowa, in 1941 or 1942. MORRIS BEGUN is now deceased.

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SARAH had two daughters by BEGUN. EDITH BEGUN, also known as EDITH LONDON, who was married and divorced from a man in Sioux City, name unrecalled, and is now married to JOSEPH LONDON and resides at [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles.

ESTHER BEGUN is the other daughter of SARAH. She resides with SARAH BEGUN and is employed as a Los Angeles school teacher.

GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised she has one other brother, MOISCHE KOVAL, also known as MORRIS KOVAL, age about 80 years, who lives in San Cayetano, Argentina, with his son FABIO KOVAL. She said that correspondence with MOISCHE KOVAL has reflected no information that he has been able to correspond with ABRAHAM KOVAL or has learned anything of the KOVAL family in Russia.

The GURSHTELS advised that they have no children.

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It is noted that records of the Manhattan Engineering District, security file, disclosed that from 1933 to 1936, GEORGE KOVAL listed employment at the "Square Deal Company, 928 - 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa."

HARRY GURSHTEL advised that GEORGE KOVAL was part-time employed for him at his former store known as Harry's Square Deal Store located at 928 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, during the afternoons while he was attending high school in about 1930 and during the summer months while attending the University of Iowa from 1930 to 1932. HARRY GURSHTEL stated that GEORGE KOVAL was not employed by him between 1933 and 1936 and to his knowledge, had never returned to the United States after departing for Russia in 1932.

T-10, another Government agency which maintains personnel records, furnished information on May 8, 1955, that on January 2, 1941, GEORGE KOVAL indicated his residence to be 3470 Cannon Place, Apartment I-42, Bronx, New York, in care of ABRAHAM SILVER.

T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1955 that during 1941, GEORGE KOVAL reportedly resided at 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York.

HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised during interview on May 24, 1956, that they know of no relatives of the KOVAL family named ABRAHAM SILVER or TILLIE SILVER and knew of no such persons who resided in New York City during 1941.

On June 19, 1956, GOLDIE GURSHTEL telephonically advised Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE that on Friday, June 15, 1956, she had received a letter in the mail from her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL, who lives in Russia. She said this letter contained news of GEORGE KOVAL.

Mrs. GURSHTEL was re-interviewed on June 19, 1956, by Special Agents CHESTER C. ORTON and HARRY H. WHIDBEE. She produced a letter addressed to GOLDIE GURSHTEL, [redacted] Sherman Oaks, California, USA, in both English and the Russian languages. The letter bears a Russian postmark dated May 22, 1956, according to Mrs. GURSHTEL. The letter is written in the Russian language on both sides of one sheet of paper. The letter itself is dated May 20, 1956. Mrs. GURSHTEL advised she recognizes the handwriting of this letter as that of her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL.

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She states that the letter contains news of the KOVAL family in Russia as follows:

"GABRIEL KOVAL, the youngest son, was killed by the Nazis in 1943 while serving with the Russian Army. ETHEL KOVAL, ABRAHAM's wife, died of cancer in 1952. ISATAH KOVAL, the oldest brother, is married and has four children. GEORGE KOVAL is now in Moscow teaching in the Chemical (?) Institute of Mendelaiv. He lives with his wife LUDMULA (? sp), but has no children."

Mrs. GURSHTTEL advised this is the first letter she has received from her brother in about 20 years and is the first news she has learned of the KOVAL family in Russia.

Interview of PEARL SILVER, subject's aunt

On May 2, 1956, Mrs. PEARL SILVER, [REDACTED] Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed by Special Agents HARRY H. WHIDBEE and WILLIAM G. CARPENTER.

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Mrs. SILVER advised she is the sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL and aunt of GEORGE KOVAL. She stated that the entire KOVAL family departed Sioux City, Iowa in 1932 for Russia and to her knowledge, none of this family have ever returned to the United States. She stated that attempts by her to correspond with ABRAHAM KOVAL have met with no replies. She said she had heard a rumor some time during World War II that GABRIEL KOVAL, the youngest brother of GEORGE KOVAL, had been killed during the war but could not recall the source of this information. She stated specifically that she had no knowledge that GEORGE KOVAL was in the United States during World War II.

Mrs. SILVER said that she had corresponded with MOISCHE KOVAL, her brother who lives in Argentina, from time to time, but MOISCHE KOVAL had never indicated any knowledge of the ABRAHAM KOVAL family in Russia.

PEARL SILVER stated she had never resided in New York City and had no knowledge of a TILLIE SILVER or ABRAHAM SILVER who resided in New York in 1940 or 1941. She states she recalled none of her deceased's husband's relatives who were named TILLIE or ABRAHAM SILVER.

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Mrs. SILVER advised she was first married to SAM GERTZ in Sioux City, Iowa, from whom she was divorced. She later married PAUL SILVER and moved to Los Angeles around 1948. She states she has three children, one daughter by SAM GERTZ, named GRACE GERTZ, who is now married to ARTHUR GOLDBERG and resides at Van Nuys, California. She stated she has twin sons, EUGENE SILVER who resides at 4811 Rosewood Avenue, Los Angeles, and ELI SILVER, who resides at Marinette, Arizona. She states that she is positive that none of her children have seen or heard from GEORGE KOVAL since he left the United States in 1932.

Interview of Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, subject's aunt

On May 23, 1956, Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, 1425 North Formosa Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed by Special Agents HARRY H. WHIDBEE and CHESTER C. ORTON.

She advised that her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL, his wife ETHEL, and three sons, ISAAH, GEORGE and GABRIEL, formerly lived in Sioux City, Iowa. The KOVAL family departed Sioux City in 1932 for Biro-Bidjan Settlement in Russia. She said they left Sioux City by train and thinks they went to New York City where they left by ship for Russia. She advised she personally has had no contact with the KOVAL family since their leaving in 1932.

She advised that her sister, Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL visited Russia in 1936 and told them upon returning, that they had visited her brother ABRAHAM and his family who were then living on a farm in Biro-Bidjan. She stated that the GURSHTELS advised that GEORGE KOVAL and ISAAH KOVAL were then on the farm with their father, but the younger brother, GABRIEL, was away at that time.

She advised that her brother, MOISCHE KOVAL, who lives in Argentina, has not advised her in correspondence of any contact with GEORGE KOVAL or any others of the KOVAL family in Russia.

Mrs. BEGUN advised that during a trip by the GURSHTELS to Europe in 1936, they also visited another sister of ABRAHAM KOVAL, IDA ABORAMOVICH and her husband AARON, who then lived at Telechan near Pinsk in Poland. She stated that rumor has come

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to her during World War II, that the ABORAMOVICH family were massacred by the Nazis in Poland in about 1940 or 1941. She states she has had no other report that the ABORAMOVICH family is living.

Mrs. BEGUN states she has no knowledge that GEORGE KOVAL has ever returned to the United States. She stated she did not know any person named TILLIE SILVER or ABRAHAM SILVER who resided in New York City in 1940 or 1941 and stated she has no relatives by that name. Mrs. BEGUN further advised that she is not acquainted with the person named BENJAMIN W. LASSEN or has ever heard of the Raven Electric Company.

Mrs. BEGUN advised she has two daughters who live in Los Angeles. She identified these as Mrs. EDITH LONDON, wife of JOSEPH LONDON who resides at [redacted] Avenue, and is employed at a market in Los Angeles. She said JOSEPH LONDON is employed in the movie studios. b6 b7C

Her other daughter she described as ESTHER BEGUN and unmarried. ESTHER BEGUN is employed as a school teacher in the Los Angeles City Schools and resides with Mrs. BEGUN at [redacted] Avenue.

Mrs. BEGUN advised that none of her relatives in Los Angeles have ever mentioned to her knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL having been in the United States during World War II.

Mrs. BEGUN was shown a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL taken in March 1948 and after observation, denied she could recognize it as a photograph of her nephew, GEORGE KOVAL. She stated however, that she does not know whether she would recognize GEORGE KOVAL since she has not seen him since 1932. She stated further, that this photograph in her opinion, bore no family resemblance to her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL or his wife ETHEL KOVAL. She could not however, state that this was not a photograph of her nephew GEORGE KOVAL.

T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in May 1954 that DORA HYATT was then under consideration for a confidential assignment for the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP).

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T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in August 1954 that DORA HYATT was in possession of records of the LACGP reflecting the name "J. LONDON, [redacted] T-13 could not advise further significance of this name and address nor could this informant furnish further explanation as to why it appeared among records of the LACGP.

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The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI reflect no pertinent identifiable information with the names EDITH LONDON, EDITH BEGUN, or ESTHER BEGUN.

Interview of CLIFTON W. REED

On May 11, 1956, CLIFTON W. REED was located at Reed and Curtis Scientific Instrument Company, 307 Culver Boulevard, Playa Del Rey, California, and interviewed by Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE.

REED advised he vaguely recalled GEORGE KOVAL as a fellow ASTP student at New York City College during the last semester of the year 1944. REED stated that he was transferred from the University of California and joined this ASTP class after it had been in progress for one semester. He stated he was not closely associated with KOVAL either at New York City College or later during their assignment at the Manhattan Engineering District at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He definitely stated he was not KOVAL's roommate at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, except for a short period after first arriving at Oak Ridge when the entire group from New York City College were all temporarily assigned to barracks and all lived in the same building.

He recalls KOVAL as a good student and knows nothing concerning KOVAL's background or associates outside of his fellow students. REED recalls KOVAL was possibly assigned to the Health and Physics Division of Clinton Laboratories at MED and recalls he was possibly transferred by the AEC to either Los Alamos or Dayton, Ohio, AEC Projects sometime late in 1945.

REED states he has not seen nor heard from KOVAL since 1945. REED states that a fellow ASTP student, ROBERT STERNBERG, knew KOVAL at NYCC prior to REED's transfer to the ASTP unit and he thought perhaps STERNBERG could furnish more helpful information regarding KOVAL. He stated that ROBERT STERNBERG's current address is unknown to him but this could most likely be obtained through records at NYCC.

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He recalled nothing unusual or suspicious regarding KOVAL during the period at NYCC or later during their assignment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Interview of LEONARD FIELDS, former associate

On June 8, 1956, Mrs. LEONARD FIELDS, nee MARILYN MATISOFF, [redacted] San Fernando, California, advised Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE that she knew GEORGE KOVAL through her husband's close acquaintance with him in the period 1946-48 at NYCC. She said KOVAL came to their home on [redacted] Avenue in the Bronx on several occasions during this two year period for meals and to study with LEONARD FIELDS. She recalled nothing specific regarding KOVAL that would lead her to suspect him of subversive interest or sympathy for a foreign government. She said that neither she nor her husband has ever heard from KOVAL since May 1948 when her husband graduated from NYCC and they moved from New York to California. b6 b7C

On June 8, 1956, LEONARD FIELDS, also known as LEONARD FINKELSTEIN, was located at Union Industrial Supply, Inc, 10610 Culver Boulevard, Culver City, California, and interviewed by Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE.

He advised he resides at [redacted] Street, San Fernando, California. FIELDS recognized a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL taken in March 1948 as the GEORGE KOVAL he knew as a student at NYCC from about September 1946 to May 1948. He stated he met KOVAL during classes at NYCC and became very friendly with him over the period 1946 - 1948. He said KOVAL and he studied together, perhaps dozens of times each month and KOVAL ate many meals at his home. He said they also participated in activities of an engineering fraternity at NYCC, Eta Kappa Nu. In fact, FIELDS was instrumental, he said, in electing KOVAL as local Chapter President of this fraternity. FIELDS also advised he attended dances, beach parties, and boating with KOVAL.

FIELDS stated he and KOVAL talked a great deal and KOVAL spoke many times of his past. FIELDS could not recall any information regarding KOVAL's statements concerning his early youth except that he gained the impression that the KOVAL family life was not a happy one. He said KOVAL never spoke of politics or indicated any interest in Communism or sympathy for a foreign country. He recalls that KOVAL usually took an indifferent attitude regarding such conversations.

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He said before KOVAL met his sister, JEAN MORDETZKY, he dated several women in New York City. At social events, KOVAL always showed up with some "exotic-looking refugee type" and never with the same woman twice. KOVAL later would tell him of his experiences with each date.

FIELDS advised he might have some snapshots of KOVAL and these unidentified women and would attempt to locate them and furnish to the FBI.

FIELDS advised KOVAL spoke freely of his life in the Army during World War II and his assignment at Oak Ridge, Tenn. KOVAL once confided in LEONARD FIELDS that he had an affair with the wife of his superior at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and secretly met her many times during his stay at Oak Ridge.

FIELDS recalled that in 1948, all other graduating students at NYCC were very concerned about their future employment but KOVAL was generally unconcerned. KOVAL had spoken of plans to go back with his former employer, Raven Electric Company in New York City where KOVAL stated he had been employed prior to World War II. FIELDS stated KOVAL was definitely interested in "sales." FIELDS recalls distinctly that during 1946 - 1948, KOVAL had no other employment outside of attending NYCC and his only apparent income was through GI benefits from the Veterans Administration.

KOVAL never mentioned to FIELDS having any relatives in New York City and to FIELDS' knowledge, he had no close associates outside of classmates. FIELDS does not recall KOVAL ever mentioning an acquaintance with one BENJAMIN W. LASSEN. He advised he feels certain that he and KOVAL were on such friendly terms that KOVAL would have corresponded with him after graduating from NYCC but to the contrary, he has not heard from KOVAL since May 1948.

FIELDS now recalls that KOVAL usually appeared at class in the morning with the general appearance of either having studied all night or having been "out on the town." He stated KOVAL did not impress him as particularly a "spender" but one who watched his funds very carefully. He stated KOVAL never mentioned any other interests other than school subjects.

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FIELDS advised that KOVAL, while attending NYCC, was also very friendly and associated freely with MARVIN MARCUS, a fellow student, who then resided at [redacted] Street in the Bronx and as of two years ago, resided at 1266 Ohmstead Street, Apartment 6-G in the Bronx.

FIELDS also recalled that at one time in 1947, KOVAL was friendly with ABRAHAM FUCHS, fellow student at NYCC and KOVAL might have dated FUCHS' sister several times. FIELDS states FUCHS' address as last recorded by him, is [redacted] Road, Baltimore, Maryland. FUCHS was last employed for the Bendix Corporation in Baltimore. FIELDS stated that after graduating from NYCC, FUCHS attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a short period prior to employment with Bendix Corporation.

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Interview of GEORGE FIELDS  
and SHELDON FIELDS

On June 8, 1956, GEORGE and SHELDON FIELDS were also contacted at their place of employment, Union Industrial Supply, Inc., 10610 Culver Boulevard, Culver City, California. They advised they are the brothers of LEONARD FIELDS. Each stated that they knew KOVAL only slightly, having met him through KOVAL's association with their brother, LEONARD FIELDS. Neither could furnish any information concerning KOVAL's past or information concerning his whereabouts since 1948.

On June 11, 1956, LEONARD FIELDS telephonically contacted Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE and advised a search of his personal papers failed to reflect snapshots of KOVAL; however, he feels certain he had several snapshots and will continue to look through his personal papers for them and furnish same to the FBI.

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(S) This report has been classified "~~SECRET~~" [redacted]  
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Los Angeles letter to the Bureau May 17, 1956, contained a lead for the Washington Field Office to search records of the Passport Division, U. S. Department of State, for information pertaining to the passport and travel performed by WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, and specifically, information reflecting that HOSE traveled to Europe prior to December 1950. An information copy of this report is therefore being forwarded to Washington Field.

By Los Angeles letter to the Director, June 21, 1956, photographs of a letter written in Russian language by ABRAHAM KOVAL, subject's father, dated May 20, 1956, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory with a request for translation. Photographs were also forwarded to New York for completion of their file concerning this matter.

It is noted that investigation was conducted at Los Angeles during February, March, April, May and June 1956 concerning the identity of GEORGE E. KOVAL, 406 Cortez Road, Arcadia, California; GEORGE THOMAS KOVAL, 7076 Hawthorne Avenue, Los Angeles; and ARTHUR MICHAEL KOVAL, [redacted] Avenue, Hawthorne, California. None of these persons proved identical with subject. In view of recent information reflected in Details of this report that GEORGE KOVAL is now in Moscow, the results of this investigation are not being set forth in the details to avoid unnecessary typing and extraneous material.

In view of information above that GEORGE KOVAL is currently reported residing in Moscow, USSR, no further effort is being made to identify the following correspondents of subject's cousin, ELI SILVER of Marinette, Arizona: b6 b7C

[redacted] Los Angeles 46, Calif.  
Mrs. LA VERNE, [redacted] Venice, California;  
[redacted] Los Angeles 24, Calif.

The above names were set forth in the report of SA CALVIN W. EVANS dated March 30, 1956, at Phoenix, Arizona. One copy of this report is being forwarded to Phoenix for information purposes.

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Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated March 27, 1956, authorized interview of PEARL SILVER, EUGENE SILVER, HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTTEL and SARAH BEGUN. Los Angeles has made several attempts to contact EUGENE SILVER at [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles, all of which have failed. In view of information from PEARL SILVER, mother of EUGENE SILVER, that her son was much younger than the subject and therefore, does not recall him, as well as information that KOVAL is currently reported residing in Moscow, UACB, no further effort is being made to interview EUGENE SILVER.

The interview of PEARL SILVER reflects that her daughter, GRACE GERTZ, is now married to ARTHUR GOLDBERG and resides at [redacted] Avenue, Van Nuys, California. Mrs. SILVER advises she is reasonably certain that her daughter GRACE has neither heard of or seen GEORGE KOVAL since his departure from the United States in 1932. However, interview of GRACE GOLDBERG is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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JEAN MORDETZKY, [redacted] Avenue, La Verne, California, was first interviewed February 20, 1956, by Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE and SA JAMES A. MILLS, complete results of which were set forth in report of SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE dated March 9, 1956. However, for purpose of clarity, pertinent parts of this interview regarding WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE was re-set forth in details of this report.

Los Angeles file reflects that copy of report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, Jr., dated November 19, 1955, at New York; was sent to Baltimore, therefore, no additional background concerning GEORGE KOVAL is being set forth herein for information of Baltimore.

One copy of this report is being forwarded to Phoenix in view of information reflected herein concerning the identity of persons in correspondence with JACKIE and ELI SILVER, Marinette, Arizona, as requested in report of SA CALVIN W. EVANS dated March 30, 1956, at Phoenix.

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BALTIMORE DIVISION

At Baltimore, Maryland

Will locate and interview ABRAHAM FUCHS, fellow student of KOVAL at NYCC, 1946-48, last reported residing [redacted] Road, Baltimore, Maryland, and last known employed for Bendix Corporation in Baltimore.

Will ascertain identity of FUCHS' sister and interview her regarding her knowledge of KOVAL's activities in 1946-48, and his background, especially his activities from 1932 - 1941.

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, N. Y.

Will consider advisability of locating current address of ROBERT STERNBERG, fellow student of KOVAL at NYCC during 1944, from records NYCC and interview of STERNBERG concerning his knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL's activities in 1946 - 1948, and subject's background.

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Will locate MARVIN MARCUS, last reported residing at [redacted] Street, [redacted] Bronx, New York, and interview concerning his knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL's activities in 1946-1948 period and concerning KOVAL's background.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California

Will await results of FBI Laboratory translation of letter from ABRAHAM KOVAL dated May 20, 1956, after which will return original letter to Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTL, 15203 Hartsok Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California.

Will follow up with LEONARD FIELDS, [redacted] Street, San Fernando, California, and obtain photos of KOVAL which FIELDS states show unidentified woman with whom KOVAL associated in 1946-1948 period.

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Will interview Mrs. KATY KOLODZIEJSKI, [redacted] Avenue, Playa Del Rey, California, regarding her knowledge of JEAN FINKELSTEIN, JACK JUPITER and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE as guests at her New Years Eve party in December 1950.

Will, upon receipt of information from Washington Field regarding check of records, Passport Office, Department of State, concerning possible travel of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE to Europe prior to December 1950, consider re-interview of HOSE.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

T-1 [redacted] Marinette, Arizona, to SA CALVIN W. EVANS, 1/18;2/14;3/1,15/56, re mail received by ELI and JACKIE SILVER, [redacted] Marinette, during February and March 1956. (Report of SA CALVIN W. EVANS, Phoenix, March 30, 1956).

T-2 [redacted] Marinette, Arizona, to SA CALVIN W. EVANS, 1/18;2/14;3/1,15/56, re mail received by ELI and JACKIE SILVER, [redacted] Marinette, Arizona. (Report SA CALVIN W. EVANS, Phoenix, 3/30/56).

T-3 [redacted] Company, Corcoran, California, to SA PHILIP P. HANLON 11/18,21/55, re telephone calls made by telephone #694M and 632 M, Corcoran, in April - July, 1954 and February and July 1955. 65-6124 (concealed at request).

T-4 [redacted] Fresno, California, 4/19/56, to SA MELVIN R. WRIGHT re identity subscriber [redacted] Fresno, California. (Concealed at request)

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T-5 Records of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., Los Angeles, as caused to be searched and reported by SE BERNARD W. MC CARTHY on February 28, 1956, re Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer Drive, Los Angeles. (Conceal at request).

T-6 [ ] (used to document BENJAMIN W. LASSEN). Report SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, Jr., 3/22/56, New York (65-16756). b7D

T-7 (S) ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN. Interview by [ ] July 1952  
[ ] identification of WILLIAM W. LASSEN as  
[ ] as reflected in letter of Liaison Office, b1  
Ottawa, Canada, to Bureau, July 8, 1952. NY 65-14749-1B-E

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T-10 Selective Service Records, LB 126, Bronx, New York. Background info re KOVAL on 5/8/55 to SE DONALD E. STRELETZKY. NY 65-16756.

T-11 New York letter to Director 10/12/55 (NY 65-16756) re KOVAL's residence c/o TILLIE SILVER, [ ]  
[ ] Bronx, New York, during 1941. b2 b7D

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T-12 [ ]	DORA HYATT, Thumbnail documentation	5/7, 19, 20, 27/54	EMMETT D. DOHERTY et al	[ ]
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T-13 [ ]	Photo of CP Documents re "J. LONDON, 4811 Rosewood"	8/31/54	LEWIS G. LIBBY et al	[ ]
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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent HARRY H. WHIDBEE dated March 9, 1956, at Los Angeles.  
Report of Special Agent CALVIN W. EVANS dated March 30, 1956, at Phoenix.  
Report of Special Agent WALTER C. GUTHEIL, Jr., dated March 22, 1956, at New York City.  
Report of Special Agent WALTER C. GUTHEIL, Jr., dated May 25, 1956, at New York City.  
Los Angeles letter to the Director dated June 21, 1956.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>JUL 11 1956</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6-19; 7-3-56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS</b>	TYPED BY <b>mlk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b> EXEMPTED FROM AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM: FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE EXEMPTION CODE 25X(1) DATE 07-14-2010	

SYNOPSIS:

No record of KOVAL located at Credit Bureau or Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri; not known as member of electrical or mechanical engineers' societies, Kansas City, Missouri.

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DETAILS:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

MARILYN MURPHY, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and PAT HARRIS, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, each advised on June 19, 1956, that they have no record of GEORGE KOVAL as a resident of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. R. BENNINGHOVEN, American Society of Mechanical Engineering, informed on June 19, 1956, that he had checked the rosters of the society members in Kansas City from 1948 to 1951 and had not found the name of subject listed therein. He

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also stated that he had telephonically contacted a number of the more active members of this society, and none of them were acquainted with a mechanical engineer by the name of KOVAL.

MYRON LYTTLE, active member of the American Society of Electrical Engineers, employed at the Kansas City Power and Light Company, advised on July 3, 1956, that a check of the yearbook of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers by him failed to disclose the name of KOVAL as a member. He suggested the possibility that the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, all located at 33 West 39th Street, New York City, would be the best sources of information for determining whether or not an individual had been a practicing engineer. These associations would have fairly complete background information concerning all members or candidates for membership, including education and employment.

He also informed that the National Society of Professional Engineers has available to it service records of all engineers who have registered with various State societies for the purpose of practicing as engineers. He suggested that contact with this organization at Washington, D. C., might be productive.

Mr. LYTTLE also advised that the yearbook of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers listed as a member an individual named EDWARD A. KOVAL, who is employed as a development engineer for Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts. He became an associate member in 1949. He pointed out that this was the only individual with the same surname as the subject and suggested the possibility of some relationship because of the unusual name.

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For the information of the Washington Field office, which office has not received a prior communication regarding this investigation, the following brief summary is set forth:

(S) Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York City, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet Agent known by th [redacted] b1

[redacted] During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret". In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the SS AMERICA destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa, during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York, on February 1, 1948.

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BOSTON DIVISION:

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

1. Will check indices to determine if any derogatory information is available concerning EDWARD A. KOVAL.
2. Ascertain if information available concerning EDWARD A. KOVAL, at Sylvania, would indicate relationship with subject.
3. If no derogatory information is developed, interview EDWARD A. KOVAL to ascertain if he has any information as to whereabouts of subject.

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NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will contact American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and American Institute of Electrical Engineers, each located at 33 West 39th Street, New York City, for any information which may be available concerning subject.

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

Will contact National Society of Professional Engineers to determine if information is available in their records concerning the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., dated May 25, 1956, at New York.

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Re NY rep, 5/25/56, captioned as above.

To assist Boston to cover its lead, rerep,  
the following is noted:

IRVING WEISMAN, former acquaintance of subject,  
advised that ROBERT L. SPERNBERG is presently residing  
at [redacted] Boston, Mass.,  
and is employed as a physicist with the Applied Mathematics  
Lab. for Electronics, Boston, MASS.

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1- New York (65-16756)

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Letter addressed to:

GOLDIE GERSHTEL,

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Sherman Oaks,  
California, U.S.A.

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Return:

A. I. KOVAK

[redacted]  
"10th Party Congress" Collective Farm.

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Dear sister GOLDA:

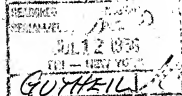
Your short letters were received. The one to me, on the first of May, the other one to SHAYA, today.

I have decided to answer your letters briefly and am writing in Russian, this is more convenient for me.

Twenty years have passed since we have seen each other and during this time several changes have taken place in our family.

Our dear GYEMI (CARPILLER) died August 20, 1943, in a battle against the German fascists. ETL (KNEHL) died August 28, 1952, from the dread disease, cancer. All the rest of us are alive and well. I am now about 75 and feel good, I am working. I live, as always, with SHAYA's family. We live and work at the same place, the collective farm.

TRANSLATED BY:  
OLIVIA L. McMAHON:sea  
July 9, 1956





SHAYA and MUSYA have four children. The first one, CITA, is 20 years old (she was born soon after your departure). She is finishing the Doctor's Assistant-Midwife School, she is married (we celebrated her wedding May first). The second one, [redacted] years old. She is attending school, she will finish the [redacted]. The third one, [redacted] is attending school, she will finish the [redacted] she is [redacted] old. The [redacted] one, [redacted] a son, is [redacted] old. He is attending school and will finish the [redacted]. They are all good children.

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GEORGE lives in Moscow, he still works for the Mendeleev Chemical Institute. His title is: "Candidate of Technical Sciences." He is living with his wife LYUDMILA (you saw them once in Moscow) but they have no children.

Well, that is all for now.

Much, much love from all of us to all of you.

your A. KOVAL

SAC, Los Angeles (65-6124)

July 11, 1956

Director, FBI  
(65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

REGISTERED MAIL

Origin: New York

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter  
dated June 21, 1956.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported  
under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative  
attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in  
this connection is set forth below:

Returned herewith.

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✓ 1 - New York (65-16756) - Enclosure

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-6291)

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SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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OO:NY

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 5/17/56, captioned, "GEORGE KOVAL, Espionage - R," asking WFO to obtain information from Passport Office regarding travel performed by WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE.

A review of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE's passport file by SA DONALD S. GODDARD on 7/2/56, reflected the following information:

HOSE made application for passport on 12/16/52, in Los Angeles County, California. Passport #762642 was issued to HOSE on 12/23/52. HOSE's mother, ESTHER HOSE, 147 Forhan Street, Long Beach, California, was identifying witness.

The following passport restrictions appeared on HOSE's application:

Not valid for travel to Albania, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, or the USSR, unless specifically endorsed under the authorities of the U. S. Dept. of State as being valid for such travel.

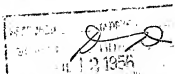
HOSE advised he planned to leave New York City 3/1/53, for a 3 months' pleasure trip via Pan-American Airlines to visit England, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Luxembourg, and Germany. HOSE's passport application indicated no previous foreign travel or passport.

The following physical description was obtained from HOSE's passport application dated 12/16/52:

Name:  
Sex:

WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE  
Male

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① - New York (65-16756) (Info)  
1 - Los Angeles (65-6124) (Info)  
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DIRECTOR, FBI  
Re: GEORGE ROVAL  
ESP-R

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Race:	White
Born:	11/19/18, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Residence:	2 Skyline Drive, Burbank, California
Height:	6'
Hair:	Blonde
Eyes:	Blue
Scars & Marks:	None
Occupation:	Chemist
Relatives:	Father-HARRY L. ROSE born, South Bend, Indiana, September, 1893. Mother-ESTHER P. ROSE born, Boston, Massachusetts, 10/11/1896. Both parents residing at 147 Foreman St., Long Beach, California. Marital Status: ROSE married 10/9/43, to DORIS HILDA PRESBRIDGE, born Franklin, Texas, 4/3/24, presently residing at 22 Skyline Drive, Burbank, California.

ROSE's passport file contained no additional information.

Miss MARY BARRY, Liaison Representative, Passport Office, Department of State, advised that the records of the Passport Office contain no record for Mrs. DORIS HILDA ROSE.

WFO files contained no identifiable information concerning WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE or his wife, DORIS HILDA ROSE.

WFO will submit passport photos of ROSE to New York and Los Angeles when they have been processed by the FBI Laboratory. - RUC -

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Date: July 16, 1956

Transmit the following message via AIRTELREGISTERED MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

From SAC, BALTIMORE (65-2384)

To: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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OO: NEW YORK

Re report SA HARRY H. WHITE, at Los Angeles, July 2, 1956, requesting  
Baltimore to locate and interview ABRAHAM FUCHS and sister, for knowledge  
of activities of subject in 1946-1948 and background.

New York is requested to furnish Baltimore with photographs of KOVAL to aid  
FUCHS and sister in identification.

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AIR-TEL

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (65-2384)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re Baltimore air-tel, 7/16/56, captioned as  
above.

Enclosed for Baltimore are two photographs  
of subject taken during 1948.

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SAC, Kansas City (65-1499)

July 23, 1956

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re Kansas City letter 7-11-56  
transmitting copies of report of SA Douglas J.  
Williams dated 7-11-56 at Kansas City.

All offices should classify this  
report as "Confidential."

cc - 2 - Boston (65-3981)

cc - 2 - New York (65-16755)

cc - 2 - Washington Field

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-15756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report of SA WALTER G. GUTHEIL, NY, dated and captioned as above.

In an attempt to develop all available information relating to the subject's selection for the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) during World War II and his subsequent assignment to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio, during the period 1944-1946 St. Louis is requested to conduct the following record checks at the Federal Records Center (FRC), St. Louis, Missouri:

Will attempt to locate US Army records pertaining to ASTP "STAR Center (Specialized Training and Reassignment Center), The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, and if successful review those records for any information relating to the subject's selection into the ASTP, such as Army officers and civilian personnel who interviewed or recommended him for ASTP training. In that regard will also attempt to obtain ASTP records for "ACTU 3225" the subject's Army Specialized Training Unit at GCNY. Any records located concerning ACTU 3225 should be reviewed concerning the subject for pertinent information, as described above, and specifically for information relating to his assignment to the MED, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Emphasis should be given to ascertain the identities of Army officers or civilian personnel who recommended the subject for the above assignment. In the event it is determined at St. Louis that the above records may be located elsewhere St. Louis is requested to set out the necessary leads to locate and review that information.

In addition to the above, St. Louis is requested to locate US Army service files for the following individuals

- 2-Bureau (65-62911) (Encls. 5) (RM)  
2-St. Louis (65-1914) (RM)  
2-Washington Field (65-6961) (RM)  
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described in the attached report as US Army staff officers who administered the ACTP at COMX. The purpose of this investigation is to ascertain the last known addresses for those individuals to facilitate interviews with them concerning the subject and the administration of the ACTP, COMX:

Colonel RAYMOND W. COOKE (subject's HED security file disclosed one Colonel COOK, 10001 Chattanooga Engineer's Battalion as his "former commanding officer")

Colonel J. B. SMITH

Lieutenant Colonel G.O. BUCKLAND

Major CHRISTOPHER MICHEL

Major FRANK CHRISTIAN

Major THEODORE HENMAN

(PMU) CANNON

The exact military status (regular Army or reserve), Army service numbers, and pertinent background data are not presently known concerning the above officers.

St. Louis is also requested to attempt to locate and review the Army service files of Lieutenant JACOB VITZ or VITZ, 10001 Engineering Battalion, APD Number 26, who was listed by subject in his HED questionnaire as a "reference."

The WFO will at the Washington Atomic Energy Commission Security Office, Washington, D.C., review the subject's HED security file and other available HED records pertinent to subject's assignment with HED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio, in an attempt to develop in detail all information relating to the exact nature of subject's duties at Oak Ridge and Dayton including

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his leave and travel records. Emphasis should be given to ascertain whether or not the HEB conducted a "clearance" investigation of the subject and if so report the results of that investigation.

In the event the MO is unable to locate HEB records at the Atomic Energy Commission Security Office, MO will immediately advise St. Louis thereof, and St. Louis will attempt to locate pertinent HEB records at the SAC, St. Louis, for review as designated above for the MO.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of requesting the Liaison representative at Paris, France, to verify subject's reported residence at the Hotel Iltis during and around October 21, 1948, and to develop any available information concerning the subject's activities while in Paris, France.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

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SYNOPSIS:

Dean ALLEN, College of the City of NY (CCNY) advised identities of officers who administered Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at CCNY 1943-1944 unrecalled. Staff officers ASTP, CCNY, and Instructional Staff Military Service Department as listed in 10/6/43 edition CCNY newspaper "The Campus and CCNY Bulletin" 1942-1943 set forth. Subject's personnel folder as filed with ASTP records CCNY disclosed he was screened for ASTP at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, and that ASTP unit, CCNY, was designated as "ASTU 3225". IRVING WEISMAN advised that post card received from subject postmarked 10/21/48, Paris, France, disclosed subject resided at Hotel Litre, Paris, France. HAROLD TAMARIN advised that subject held a position of key importance with Raveh Electric Company (REC), NYC, during 1940 and 1941. Stated he could recall nothing concerning relationship between KOVAL and BENJAMIN W. LASSEN which suggested their involvement in subversive activity. Results of recontact with LEON HAROLD TAMARIN set forth. HELGA GOLDSTEIN advised that she was casually

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acquainted with subject during the summer of 1947 or 1948. Unable to recall any information regarding subject's background activities or present whereabouts.

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DETAILS:

Regarding the Army Specialized Training Program, College of the City of New York

WILLIAM ALLEN, Dean of Technology, College of the City of New York (CCNY) was interviewed on May 11, 1956, by SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL and advised as follows:

The Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) was instituted at CCNY by the United States Army during the spring of 1943. The unit was administered by a staff of United States Army officers under the command of Colonel RAYMOND P. COOKE who died shortly subsequent to World War II. The faculty at CCNY made certain suggestions as to the curriculum for the training unit but the training program was in its entirety designed and supervised by the United States Army. The training program was originally scheduled to afford one years training in various language, technical and mathematical subjects but it is recalled that the Army shortened the training period to a duration of approximately nine months.

The ASTP class members were selected at various United States Army basic training camps on the basis of Army aptitude tests. Military assignments from CCNY for the various ASTP classes were made exclusively by the Army without consultation with faculty members of CCNY. The possibility of a class member having any information pertaining to his assignment prior to the completion of the

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ASTP training was described as inconceivable and in all probability not known to the ASTP staff officers themselves until the actual assignments were made by the Department of the Army.

WALTER KNITTLE, former Director of the evening session, CCNY, deceased during 1947, was described as the "co-ordinator of related ASTP and CCNY matters," such as campus housing and student recreational activities and had considerable contact with the Army officers in that regard.

Other than KNITTLE the faculty at CCNY had little contact with the Army administrative staff because of which the identities of those officers are presently unrecalled.

On May 14, 1956, Dean ALLEN advised SA GUTHEIL that he conferred with the following faculty members of CCNY regarding their knowledge of the identities of the Army officers who directed the ASTP at CCNY, each of whom were unable to recall the name of an officer connected with that program:

DANIEL BROPHY, Dean of Guidance

RODNEY BROTHERTON, Professor of Civil Engineering

HERBERT FINKEL, Dean of the Speech Department

Dean ALLEN stated the above faculty members are the only individuals known to him who had some direct connection with the ASTP administrative staff at CCNY during 1943-1944.

PHILIP BRUNSTETTER, Office of the Registrar, on May 22, 1956, made available to SA GUTHEIL the weekly issues of the CCNY newspaper "The Campus" for the period June, 1943, through June, 1944. The issue dated October 6, 1943, disclosed an article which identified the staff officers of the ASTP at CCNY as follows:

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Colonel RAYMOND P. COOKE, Commandant

Major CHRISTOPHER MICHEL

Major FRANK CHRISTIAN

Colonel J. B. GRIER

A review of the "CCNY Bulletin 1942-1943" (last bulletin published until 1946) as made available by Mr. BRUNSTETTER to SA GUTHEIL on May 22, 1956, in addition to the above individuals identified the following as "Instructional Staff, Military Science Department:"

Major THEODORE C. NEWMAN

Lieutenant Colonel C.O. BUCKLAND

Major CANTER (first name not listed.)

Mr. BRUNSTETTER also made available for review the 1944 CCNY yearbook "Microcosm - Lexican" which, other than an article summarizing the purpose of the ASTP at CCNY, failed to disclose information pertinent to this investigation.

CARL H. UTSINGER, Registrar's Assistant, CCNY, was contacted by SA GUTHEIL on July 12, 1956, and advised as follows:

A thorough search of available ASTP records failed to disclose information relating to the administration of the ASTP at CCNY by the United States Army. The ASTP records maintained in the permanent custody of CCNY consist of a "personnel folder for each ASTP member and instructor's rollbooks."

The subject's personnel folder was reviewed which disclosed the following information not previously known concerning him:

He was screened for the ASTP at The Citadel,

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Charleston, South Carolina, which university was also designated as his "star unit." His Army ASTP unit at CCNY was designated as "ASTU 3225." The duration of the ASTP at CCNY was listed as from "8/9/43 to 7/29/44."

Concerning the above, it is noted that on June 3, 1955, SE WILLIAM F. HOOD reviewed the subject's Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, World War II Unit, St. Louis, Missouri, which disclosed the following:

GEORGE KOVAL, Army Serial Number 32790994, entered on active duty with the United States Army on February 11, 1943, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was honorably discharged as a "Technician third grade" at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, on February 12, 1946. He attended CCNY, New York City, under the ASTP during the period 1943-1944.

IRVING WEISMAN, 2811 Exterior Street, Bronx, New York, who when originally contacted by SAS GUTHEIL and WILLIAM D. DONOHUE on May 25, 1955, advised he was "closely acquainted with the subject during the period 1943-1944 and 1946-1948," was recontacted on July 13, 1956, by SA GUTHEIL and advised as follows:

He is unable to recall the names of the various Army staff officers who directed the ASTP at CCNY. Upon locating his "Certificate of ASTP Training" he advised that the certificate listed Lieutenant Colonel C.O. BUCKLAND as "Issuing Officer." WEISMAN vaguely recalled Colonel BUCKLAND as the ASTP commander in the New York area."

WEISMAN also advised that as a result of a recent search of his personal effects he located a post card received from the subject during the fall of 1948. The post card which was postmarked October 21, 1948, Paris, France, disclosed that the subject was residing at the Hotel Litre, Paris, France, at the time he wrote the post card.

WEISMAN stated that with the exception of the above he was unable to furnish additional information regarding the subject.

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Interview with HAROLD TAMARIN

HAROLD TAMARIN, [redacted] Avenue, Queens, Long Island, New York, was interviewed on June 18, 1956, by SAS GUTHEIL and DANIEL A. FLYNN and advised as follows:

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He was employed as a "counterman" with the Raven Electric Company (REC) at 20 West 23rd Street, New York City, from approximately 1948 to November, 1950. He obtained his employment with the REC as a result of his "family's acquaintance" with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, the owner of REC, which acquaintance, to his recollection, dates back to the early 1930's. He stated that his uncle, FRANK TAMARIN, his cousins LEON HAROLD TAMARIN and SANFORD TAMARIN and his brother LEON (NMI) TAMARIN also were formerly employed with the REC during the early and mid 1940's. HAROLD TAMARIN stated that to the best of his recollection BENJAMIN W. LASSEN had been acquainted with various "senior members" of the TAMARIN family for approximately 30 years, but noted that the acquaintanceship was not a "close one."

A passport photograph of the subject taken during 1948 was displayed to HAROLD TAMARIN who identified the photograph as GEORGE KOVAL, formerly employed with the REC during the early 1940's. TAMARIN stated that although his employment at the REC did not commence until 1948 he was in contact with LASSEN at the premises of the REC during 1940 and 1941, at which time he recalls that the subject held a position of key importance with the company.

KOVAL's principal duty with the REC was to enter bids on various electrical installation jobs and is recalled by TAMARIN as an extremely intelligent individual and "hard worker."

LASSEN, although obviously very friendly with the subject, never discussed the subject's background and did not mention the circumstances relating to when and how the subject obtained his employment with the REC.

TAMARIN emphatically stated he could recall nothing

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concerning the relationship between KOVAL and LASSEN which suggested their involvement in subversive activity. TAMARIN has stated that he has not seen or heard of KOVAL since 1941 or 1942 and cannot recall LASSEN having discussed KOVAL during the period of TAMARIN's employment with the REC from 1948 to 1950.

HAROLD TAMARIN stated that just prior to LASSEN's foreign travel from the United States during early 1951, none of the members of the TAMARIN family was on speaking terms with LASSEN or his wife, which condition TAMARIN attributed to LASSEN's wife, GERTRUDE, whom he described as a "bitter and antagonistic woman." LASSEN's departure, although unexpected, was described by TAMARIN as "logical" in that the REC was in a state of near bankruptcy and LASSEN had indicated he was interested in some engineering opportunity in Europe.

TAMARIN stated that he is unable to furnish information relating to the present whereabouts of LASSEN or the subject but noted that it is generally rumored that LASSEN established residence in Poland after departing the United States.

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised the following information during July, 1952, attributed to T-2, whom T-1 has described as having supplied accurate information in the past, but who has apparently withheld information on various occasions.

Based upon the known activities and background of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the REC, New York City, it was T-2's opinion that LASSEN is identical with the unknown Soviet Agent

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SIDNEY ROTHSTEIN, 140 Nassau Street, Attorney handling the general assignment of the REC, in favor of creditors, made available on February 14, 1952, various books and records relating to the operation of that company to SA JOHN L. FAGAN and SA (A) LOUIS H. WOIWODE.

The records disclosed that HAROLD TAMARIN, 309 Avenue C, New York City, was employed with the REC from November 1, 1948, to November 3, 1950.

HAROLD NORMAND JOSEPH, residing at [REDACTED] Street, Forest Hills, New York, advised SAS WESLEY T. WHALEY and PERRIN C. BYARS, Jr., on July 19, 1950, that HAROLD TAMARIN, an employee of the REC, resided at [REDACTED] New York City. JOSEPH stated that HAROLD TAMARIN, his uncle, EMIL TAMARIN, and a cousin, LEON TAMARIN, frequently praised the principles of Communism and in JOSEPH's opinion had attempted to influence his thinking in that direction during conversations he had with them.

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Recontact with LEON HAROLD TAMARIN

LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, [REDACTED] Street, Queens Village, Long Island, New York, was recontacted by SA GUTHEIL on June 28, 1956, and advised as follows:

Since the occasion of his last interview during December, 1955, with Special Agents of the FBI he has had an occasion to discuss with his father, FRANK TAMARIN, the nature of the latter's knowledge pertaining to the relationship that existed between BENJAMIN W. LASSEN and the subject. His father stated that although he was in occasional contact with LASSEN since around the 1930's, he

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and LASSEN were not on "close friendly" terms. FRANK TAMARIN recalled that LASSEN would discuss KOVAL on infrequent occasions but did not mention when or where he originally met KOVAL or when KOVAL started working for the REC.

It is noted that when interviewed by SAS GUTHEIL and DONOHUE on December 21, 1955, LEON HAROLD TAMARIN stated that his father, FRANK TAMARIN, might possibly have information concerning the nature of the relationship between KOVAL and LASSEN.

FRANK TAMARIN was interviewed on January 31, 1956, by SAS GUTHEIL and DONOHUE at which time he denied having knowledge concerning the nature of the relationship between LASSEN and the subject.

Interview with Mrs. HELGA GOLDSTEIN

Mrs. HELGA GOLDSTEIN, [redacted] Street, Long Island, New York, was interviewed on June 1, 1956, by SAS GUTHEIL and HUGH THOMAS FORSHA and advised as follows:

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She identified a photograph of the subject as a former acquaintance named GEORGE KOVAL with whom she was casually acquainted during the summer of either 1947 or 1948. A photograph identified by HERBERT J. SANDBERG on April 26, 1956, as that of the subject and Mrs. HELGA GOLDSTEIN was also displayed to Mrs. GOLDSTEIN who acknowledged that the photograph was taken "while she was in the company of the subject during a summer date in 1947 or 1948."

Mrs. GOLDSTEIN advised that she met the subject at a party held in the apartment of HERBERT J. SANDBERG whom she recalled as a "former close acquaintance of the subject." Subsequent to meeting the subject, she had approximately two or three dates with him, after which she had no additional contact with the subject.

Mrs. GOLDSTEIN stated that she was unable to

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furnish any information concerning the subject's background, activities or his whereabouts. The only information she could recall regarding the subject was that he was a student at CCNY who associated with HERBERT J. SANDBERG, a fellow student during 1948.

Mrs. GOLDSTEIN stated that she has neither heard of or been in contact with the subject since the summer of either 1947 or 1948.

Investigation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

WARREN WELIS, Assistant Registrar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised SA EDWARD J. DUNN, Jr., on April 30, 1956, that the records of MIT contain no information relating to the professor who recommended SEYMOUR LASSEN for the "cooperative training program" at MIT during 1947 or 1948.

Concerning the above, it is noted that when recontacted on February 9, 1956, by SAs GUTHEIL and DONOHUE, IRVING WEISMAN, [redacted] Street, Bronx, New York, furnished information relating to the identity of a professor of MIT whom WEISMAN described as "extremely friendly with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN during the late 1940's." WEISMAN's information disclosed that while BENJAMIN W. LASSEN's son, SEYMOUR, was a student at MIT during the late 1940's he participated in an "on the job training program" known at MIT as the "cooperative training program."

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WEISMAN believed that a review of SEYMOUR LASSEN's scholastic file at MIT would disclose the name of the professor who, during 1947 or 1948 was responsible for the latter's enrollment in the above-mentioned training program, which professor according to WEISMAN is identical with the MIT faculty member previously described as "extremely friendly with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN."

Regarding S. GERTZ and daughter, Mrs. GRACE LUBOR (possibly identical with subject's uncle and cousin)

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On March 14, 1955, Mrs. VIRGINIA KELLER, Deputy Clerk, Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, advised SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON that the subject's aunt, PEARL KOVAL, on January 7, 1922, married SAM GERTZ, age 30 (1922), in Sioux City, Iowa.

On April 2, 1925, PEARL GERTZ, nee KOVAL, was awarded a divorce from SAM GERTZ, as recorded in "Book 104, page 167 in Equity Case 50835", Sioux City, Iowa. According to the petition for the divorce, PEARL and SAM GERTZ had one child, GRACE GERTZ, [redacted] of age (1925), custody being given to Mrs. PEARL GERTZ.

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Information furnished by the Office of Naval Intelligence, during 1951, reflected a Mr. and Mrs. S. GERTZ, and their married daughter, GRACE LUBOR, resided at [redacted] Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. S. GERTZ was described as a Sales Executive for the National Distillers Corporation.

Mr. ROBERT MILLER, Office Manager, National Distillers Products Corporation, Beverage Sales Division, 300 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA CHARLES O. KENNERLY, JR., on May 8, 1956, that the records of the Beverage Sales Division failed to reflect an employment of anyone with the last name of GERTZ.

Mr. MILLER telephonically contacted Mr. ALBERT GRAY, Personnel Manager of U.S. Industrial Chemical Company, Chemical Division, 4100 South Cicero Avenue, a division of National Distillers Products Corporation, who advised that his records did not reflect the employment of an individual with the last name GERTZ.

According to Mr. MILLER, the personnel records at the National Distillers Products Corporation, 99 Park Avenue, New York City, would reflect the employment of an individual who was employed on a salary basis or in an executive capacity for the National Distillers Products Corporation.

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On May 21, 1956, Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, [redacted]  
[redacted] Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed  
by SAS HARRY H. WHIDBEE and WILLIAM G. CARPENTER.

Mrs. GURSHTEL identified herself as the aunt of  
GEORGE KOVAL, describing the latter as having departed Sioux City  
Iowa, with his family for Russia during the spring of  
1932.

Mrs. GURSHTEL furnished the following information  
concerning the subject's cousin GRACE GERTZ:

GRACE GERTZ is the daughter of SAM and PEARL  
GERTZ, nee SILVER. GRACE GERTZ, previously married and  
divorced, is now married to ARTHUR GOLDBERG and resides at  
[redacted] Avenue, Van Nuys, California.

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Information furnished by ALBERT COHEN, former  
owner Standard Lighting Fixture Company,  
Brooklyn, New York

ALBERT COHEN, [redacted]  
Brooklyn, New York, was contacted by SA GUTHEIL on  
July 12, 1956, and advised as follows:

He recalls an electric supply company known as the  
REC as having been in business in New York City during  
the 1940's. He recalls that he met the owner of that  
company at several meetings of the "Eastern Electrical  
Wholesalers Association, New York City" the last occasion  
of which was around 1949 or 1950. He was unable to  
recall the owner's name and stated he could not recall having  
met any of the employees of the REC.

A photograph of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, believed to have  
been taken during 1947 was displayed to COHEN who identified  
the photograph as that of the owner of the REC, previously  
described by him. COHEN was unable to identify a  
photograph of the subject and stated that the name GEORGE  
KOVAL was unfamiliar to him. COHEN stated that he was  
the owner of the Standard Lighting Fixture Company (SLF),  
Brooklyn, New York, during the period 1922 to 1950. He

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could not recall any business dealings between the SLF and the REC and was unable to furnish any information pertaining to the nature of the business operations of the REC. COHEN suggested that inquiry concerning the subject and the REC be made at the aforementioned Eastern Electrical Wholesalers Association, New York City, which association maintains detailed business records concerning its past and active members. COHEN believed that BENJAMIN W. LASSEN was a member of that association.

The current telephone directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as checked on June 20, 1956, by SA GUTHEIL disclosed a telephone listing of AL 5-8430 for the Eastern Electrical Wholesalers Association, Incorporated, 31 Union Square, New York City.

Concerning the above, it is noted that WILLIAM FANE, Laboratory Assistant, CCNY, advised SAS GUTHEIL and JAMES L. MC CARTHY on November 29, 1955, that he recalled the subject had a "contact for the purchase of electrical appliances and equipment at an electrical retail store located at the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York."

On February 24, 1956, EDWARD STEIGER, Clerk, SLF, corner of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA GUTHEIL that the SLF formerly did business with the now defunct REC operated during the 1940's by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN. STEIGER identified ALBERT COHEN, Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, as the owner of the SLF during the 1940's.

#### Miscellaneous

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 27, 1955, that correspondence was received by HARRY or GOLDIE GURSHTEL, [REDACTED] Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, on December 13, 1955, from an "unknown person, 80 East 11th Street, New York City."

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On July 2, 1956, SA GUTHEIL ascertained that a six

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story office building is located at the site of 80 East 11th Street, New York City. The Directory of the office building disclosed that the premises are occupied by twenty-eight business firms.

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T-2	Possible identification of LASSEN as	July 1952	Inter-viewed by	65-14743-
			mentioned in letter from Liaison Office, Ottawa, Canada, to Bureau 7/8/52	

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T-5 [redacted] [redacted] USPO Van Nuys, California	30 day mail cover on HARRY and GRACE GERTZ	12/27/55	SAC in Charge FBI, LA by letter dated 12/27/55	65-16756-109

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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where it is necessary to conceal the identity of the informants.

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LEADS

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At Van Nuys, California

Will attempt to locate and interview GRACE GOLDBERG, nee GERTZ, the subject's cousin, whose residence has been reported as at [redacted] Avenue, Van Nuys, California. GRACE GERTZ in addition to being questioned concerning her knowledge of the subject, should also be questioned regarding the present whereabouts of SAMUEL GERTZ, the subject's uncle. If that information is developed and in absence of derogatory information will interview SAM GERTZ concerning his knowledge of the subject's past activities.

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St. Louis

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Washington Field

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact IRVING WEISMAN, [redacted] St., Bronx, NY, regarding any additional information known to him concerning the identity of the professor at MIT with whom BENJAMIN W. LASSEN was "extremely friendly." *DWC*
2. Will make inquiry at the Eastern Electrical Wholesalers Association, 31 Union Square, NYC, regarding any record that association may have for BENJAMIN W. LASSEN at REC, or GEORGE KOVAL. *DWC*  
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3. Will make an additional attempt to verify the subject's reported residence at [redacted] NYC, during the period 1936-1939, it being noted the subject listed the above address information in a questionnaire executed for the MED during 1944.
4. Will consider the advisability of conducting appropriate manifest reviews at INS, NYC, regarding the subject and his family who reportedly departed the US at NYC for Russia during the spring of 1932.
5. Will also consider the advisability of conducting manifest reviews at INS, NYC, in an attempt to ascertain the subject's date of return to the US from Russia, which according to previous investigation, may have been sometime during the period 1939-1941.
6. Will at Columbia University review student records in an attempt to locate background information concerning WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE who reportedly matriculated at Columbia University (period unknown). *DWC*

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7. \*Will identify ERIC GLUCKNER who was a recipient of a telegram from EUGENE SILVER on 9/10/55.

8. \*Will continue indices review of FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC to develop information which might assist this investigation.

REFERENCE: Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, NY,  
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REPORTING OFFICE <b>BOSTON</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>AUG 6 1956</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/6,9,25/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>LAWRENCE C. BAILEY</b>	TYPED BY <b>gm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE -- R</b>	

## SYNOPSIS:

Records, Mass. Institute of Technology, reflect [redacted] attended a Summer Session during 1955. [redacted] Mathematician, Laboratory for Electronics, advised he attended ASTP at CCNY with subject during 1943 and 1944 and was assigned to MED at Oak Ridge with the subject during 1944 and 1945. [redacted] has not seen nor heard from the subject since 1945. [redacted] described subject as an able, reliable person whom he regarded as loyal to the United States. Subject unknown to EDWARD A. KOVAL.

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## DETAILS:

On July 6, 1956 [redacted] Clerk, Registrar's Office, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, furnished the following information from her records:

[redacted] born [redacted] attended a Special Summer Session program from June 20, 1955 to July 1, 1955. [redacted] advised that the course was classified as a Special Course for Professional Industrial People, and was not one for which academic credit was granted. She stated her records did not reflect any further information, and suggested the records of the Summer Session's Office be checked.

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On July 6, 1956 [redacted], Clerk, Summer Session's Office, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, furnished the following information from her records:

[redacted], whose business address was reflected as Laboratory for Electronics, 75 Pitts Street, Boston, Massachusetts, a Mathematician, attended a Summer Course entitled, "Numerical Analysis" from June 20, 1955 until July 1, 1955. The record did not reflect any additional information.

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On July 9, 1956 [redacted] advised he is employed as a Mathematician by the Laboratory for Electronics, 75 Pitts Street, Boston, Massachusetts. [redacted] furnished the following information regarding the subject:

He first met the subject in approximately August of 1943 at Charleston, South Carolina. At that time, both he and the subject were serving in the U. S. Army, and were assigned to an Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). Shortly after August, 1943 both he and the subject attended classes in the ASTP at the College of the City of New York (CCNY). The course was in Electrical Engineering, and was for approximately one year. They concluded their course in approximately August, 1944 and were both transferred to the Manhattan Engineers District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. [redacted] was assigned at Oak Ridge from approximately August, 1944 until March, 1946, and the subject was assigned there from approximately August, 1944 until approximately August, 1945 when he was transferred. [redacted] was unable to state specifically when the subject was transferred to but was of the opinion the subject was transferred to an Atomic Energy Commission installation in Ohio. [redacted] stated he has not seen nor heard from the subject since the subject was transferred from Oak Ridge. He added he was unable to recall that the subject had attended the College of the City of New York as a student after he was discharged from the Army.

[redacted] stated he and the subject were roommates during the period they were both assigned to Oak Ridge, and [redacted] recalled the subject having stated he had previously been employed by the Raven Electric Company of New York City. [redacted] was unable to recall the exact nature of the subject's duties at the Raven Electric Company, but was of the opinion the subject's duties related to purchasing or exercising control over the inventories of material maintained by the company.

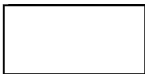
[redacted] stated that while he and the subject were assigned at Oak Ridge, the subject was a health physicist, and in this capacity checked the radiation hazard in the Laboratories. [redacted] stated that his own duties at Oak Ridge during the first year consisted of repairing electrical instruments. He was a junior physicist for the remainder of the period he was assigned to Oak Ridge. [redacted] explained that due to the variance in their respective duties he and the subject were not fellow employees, but were both employed in the Clinton Laboratory Building.

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Based on this degree of association [ ] described the subject as an honest, able, intelligent, competent individual whom he regarded as being loyal to the United States. [ ] added the only associates of the subject he knew were the other individuals employed at Oak Ridge during this period whom he regarded as being loyal to the United States.

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[ ] recalled the following individuals who were assigned to Oak Ridge during the period the subject was assigned there and who were friendly with the subject:



[ ] was of the opinion that [ ] is presently employed by the Rand Corporation in California.

On July 25, 1956 [ ] Personnel Assistant, Sylvania Electric Products, 100 Sylvania Road, Woburn, Mass., advised that [ ] was employed as a Senior Engineer in the Development Department. [ ] said [ ] personnel file did not reflect any information which would indicate a relationship with the Subject.

On July 25, 1956 [ ] advised that he does not have any relatives or associates named GEORGE KOVAL and was unable to furnish any pertinent information.

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Indices of the Boston Office do not reflect any references for [ ]

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Leads to interview [ ] and [ ], mentioned by [ ] as former associates of the subject, have not been set forth for the following reasons:

[ ] has been interviewed, the results of which have been set forth in the reports of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, Jr., dated March 22, 1956 and May 25, 1956, at New York, in instant case.

The report of SA [ ], dated November 1, 1955, at New York, in instant case, sets forth a lead for the Washington Field Office to attempt to locate [ ] Washington, D.C., and to interview him regarding the subject. The Boston File does not reflect the results of the investigation conducted by the Washington Field Office, and it is being left to the discretion of the New York Office to set forth an appropriate lead if similar information pertaining to the whereabouts of [ ] was not developed by the Washington Field Office.

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The report of SA [ ], dated May 25, 1956, at New York, in instant case, sets forth a lead for the Chicago Office to interview [ ]

The report of SA [ ], dated June 29, 1955, at New York, in instant case, sets forth the results of an interview with [ ]

REFERENCE

Report of SA [ ], dated May 25, 1956, at New York.  
Report of SA DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS, dated July 11, 1956 at Kansas City.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R b7C

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] fellow student with KOVAL in the ASTP at CCNY in 1943, interviewed. [redacted] unable to furnish any background information concerning KOVAL and has no knowledge of subject since he left CCNY in 1944.

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## DETAILS:

On July 30, 1956, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed. b7C

It is noted that [redacted] was a classmate of KOVAL in the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) during 1943-1944.

At the time of the interview, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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He first met KOVAL in the ASTP at CCNY in approximately September, 1943, and was closely associated with him until approximately September of 1944, when [ ] had to leave this ASTP class due to an accident in which he lost the sight in one eye.

When [ ] returned to CCNY, the class that he was formerly a member with KOVAL, had graduated and had gone to Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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[ ] has not heard from KOVAL since that time although he has heard indirectly that KOVAL had returned to CCNY in an unknown capacity.

[ ] was of the opinion that KOVAL was an orphan and was from New York City. He was unable to recall whether KOVAL had relatives in New York City, however, he stated that he was sure KOVAL had no close relatives in New York as he did not recall KOVAL visiting anyone while on leave.

During one of the leaves between school terms, [ ] invited KOVAL to visit with him at his home in Chicago, as KOVAL had no one to visit during this leave.

[ ] recalled KOVAL had stated he had been employed prior to coming to CCNY with an electrical firm, but was unable to recall the name of the owner. The names Raven Electric Company or BENJAMIN LASSEN was unknown to [ ] was unable to furnish any information which would reflect unfavorably upon KOVAL and stated he was a likeable conscientious person who was interested in good grades. He had no doubt as to KOVAL's character or loyalty to the United States.

[ ] knew of nothing concerning KOVAL after he left CCNY and stated the only other persons he could recall who might be able to furnish information concerning KOVAL, was [ ] and [ ].

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Report of SA , dated May 25, 1956, at  
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GEORGE KOVAL  
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Rereps made at Los Angeles by SA Harry H. Whidbee, 3/9/56  
and 7/2/56 and WFO let 7/11/56, captioned as above.

Upon receipt of the photograph of WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE from  
the WFO, it is suggested that the LA Office display that photograph  
to JEAN MORDETZKY in an attempt to establish whether or not ROSE  
is identical with the person whom MORDETZKY recalled as having met  
at a New Year's Eve party during 1950.

In view of the subject's apparent present residence in the  
USSR, emphasis is now being given to establish when the subject  
re-entered the United States, subsequent to his departure during  
1933, and whether or not his assignment at the MED, Oak Ridge,  
while a member of the US Army during 1944, was a "coincidence."  
In that regard, as reported in rerep of 7/2/56, ROSE's statements  
relating to his Army service at Oak Ridge which involved "personnel  
procurement" for the AEC is of possible significance.

Rerep of 3/9/56, which reported the results of an interview  
with the subject's former girl friend, JEAN MORDETZKY, disclosed  
that according to MORDETZKY the subject was closely associated  
with a zoology professor at Columbia University during 1948. In  
an attempt to identify that individual, the following names of  
Columbia University faculty members assigned to the Zoology Department  
during the school year 1947-1948, should be discussed with MORDETZKY  
for possible identification of the subject's alleged associate:

LESTER GEORGE BARTH, Associate Professor  
INGRITH J. DEXRUP, Assistant Professor  
THEODOSIUS DOBZHANSKY, Professor  
L. C. DUNN, Professor  
MURRAY COLEMAN, Professor

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Letter To Director

RE: GEORGE NOVAL  
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JOHN RICHARD GIBBS, Professor  
SEIG HECHT, Professor of Biophysics  
JOHN ALEXANDER MOORE, Associate Professor  
ARTHUR WAGO, Associate Professor  
FRANCIS JOSEPH REAY, Assistant Professor  
FRANZ SCHRAFF, Professor  
GEORGE GAILLARD DUNSON, Professor

The following individuals were graduate students  
employed in the Zoology Department:

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It is noted that the above information pertaining  
to Zoology Department faculty members at Columbia University  
was made available by [redacted] Secretary, Zoology  
Department, Columbia University to SA [redacted] on  
June 14, 1956.

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Reporting Office <b>BALTIMORE</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>8/15/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/17;8/7,8/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <b>SA GEORGE O. SERINI</b>	Typed By: <b>sd</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

**Synopsis:**

On 8/7/56, ABRAHAM M. FUCHS, 4628 Manordene Road, Baltimore, Maryland, advised he knew GEORGE KOVAL during period of attendance at City College of New York, New York City, 1946 to 1948. He stated he knows nothing about KOVAL's background or activities prior to 1946 and that activities of KOVAL during period 1946 to 1948 were those of average engineering student. FUCHS advised he has neither seen nor heard from KOVAL, since January, 1948.

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**DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

On August 7, 1956, ABRAHAM M. FUCHS, 4628 Manordene Road, employed Westinghouse Air Arm Division, Friendship Airport, Maryland, advised that he attended City College of New York (CCNY), New York City from 1941 to 1943 and from September, 1946 to January, 1948 graduating with a degree in electrical engineering.

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FUCHS identified a photograph exhibited to him as that of GEORGE KOVAL, a fellow engineering student, known to him only during the period of his attendance at CCNY from 1946 to 1948.

FUCHS stated that in a sense, he considered KOVAL a good friend, but on the other hand, he did not know him very well. He said KOVAL was a very quiet person, a good student, and upon reflection, KOVAL was a rather mysterious person. FUCHS explained that by mysterious, he meant nobody knew very much about KOVAL or his background and at the time he knew KOVAL, he did not think too seriously about this but attributed it to the fact that KOVAL was more mature and older than the average student in the engineering group.

FUCHS advised that he knows absolutely nothing about KOVAL's activities or background prior to 1946 and he never discussed this with KOVAL or any other person. He further advised that during the period he knew KOVAL, 1946 to 1948, he had no reason to question or be concerned about his activities since they were activities of the average engineering student. FUCHS stated his relationship to KOVAL was that of any fellow student, that of attending classes, studying, and occasional social functions with KOVAL. He advised he knows of no other activities on the part of KOVAL during this period. He also stated that he has neither seen nor heard from KOVAL since leaving CCNY in January, 1948.

FUCHS stated that during the period of 1946 to 1948 at CCNY, KOVAL was very conservative in his political views. He recalled on one occasion where the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) had gained control of the Student Council, KOVAL led a group of engineers in opposition against the tactics and policies of the AYD in the Student Council.

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

FUCHS stated that in theoretically dividing students into a political classification of either liberals or conservatives, he would classify KOVAL as a conservative during that period.



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FUCHS advised that KOVAL was popular with other students and was elected Chapter President of Eta Kappa Nu Fraternity at CCNY sometime during 1947. However, FUCHS stated that KOVAL seems to have dropped out of sight since 1948 and in talking to former classmates and professors, nobody seems to have heard from or about KOVAL.

FUCHS advised that the only information he knows concerning KOVAL is that several years ago, ARTHUR HARP, a former engineering classmate CCNY, 1946 to 1947, currently employed by Bell Telephone Laboratories, Whippany, New Jersey, told him that he (HARP) inquired at the American Embassy in Paris, approximately 1950 about KOVAL. HARP related that HARP felt he was given a "brush off" at the Embassy and did not get any information about KOVAL. FUCHS advised he did not know what information HARP had about KOVAL to cause him to make inquiry at the American Embassy in Paris, (except he probably heard that KOVAL was working some place in Europe).

FUCHS stated that [redacted] had at least one date with KOVAL sometime during the period 1946 to 1948 but he felt it was doubtful that she knew anything about KOVAL.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

September 6, 1956

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GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re New York letter to Director dated 8-2-56.

Mr. CLIFFORD GORDIN, Acting Supervisor, Reference Service Unit, Miscellaneous Records Section, Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, advised SA JAMES W. HUFF on August 29, 1956 that any records at this center concerning KOVAL's ASTP training, with the exception of Organizational Rosters and Learning Reports, would be contained in his service record. A check of KOVAL's service record disclosed only that he was assigned to the 3410th "Star," The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, from July 29, 1943 to August 10, 1943 and to Hqs. 3225 SU, ASTU, College of the City of New York from August 11, 1943 to August 9, 1944 when he was transferred to the 1st Provisional SSB Unit, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. No details concerning these assignments were contained in the records.

Mr. GORDIN further advised that a check of the Organizational Rosters for the 3225th SU, ASTU, College of the City of New York, revealed that the following officers were members of the staff in 1943-44:

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[redacted] for any information she may possess concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] Blackboard Society, from 1922 to 1940 and during  
period 1946 to 1948.

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Mr. GORDON also stated that the rosters reflect that the below named officers were members of the 1588th BU, ASBU at the College of the City of New York in 1943 and that they were not listed as members of the 2245th BU, ASBU:

Col. Raymond F. Cook O-37792  
 Capt. Christopher Michael O-344263  
 Major Frank Christian O-111542  
 Major Theodore C. Hansen O-272380

Mr. GORDON stated that he was unable to identify Colonel J. B. GRIER; Lt. Col. G. O. LUCKLAND; or a Lt. JACOB VINE or VINE through the organizational rosters.

A check of the service records of the below listed officers reflects their last known addresses as indicated:

Lt. Col. [redacted] last known address - [redacted] New York as of October 1, 1947.

Major [redacted] last known address - [redacted] Florida as of May 19, 1948.

Major [redacted] last known address - [redacted] as of May 19, 1948.

Lt. Col. [redacted] last known address - [redacted] Long Island, New York, (March 11, 1955).

Personnel [redacted] advised on August 23, 1956 that the service records for the following officers are not on file at this record center and should be on file at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.:

Col.  
 Capt.  
 Maj.  
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WFO will attempt to locate the service records of the above officers and from review thereof furnish New York with their last known addresses to facilitate interviews with them concerning the subject and the administration of the ASAC, co LZ to include the possible location of additional ASAC records. Personnel DIRECTOR advised that a check of the Service Record Section for a JAGOB VETZ or VETZ, Lieutenant, disclosed that a service record for one Lt. JAGOB VETZ, ASN 0-1111/51, was forwarded to Personnel Information Branch, the Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C. on December 20, 1949.

WFO is requested to locate and review the service record for VETZ and if it is determined he is possibly identical with person listed by subject in his RED questionnaire as a "reference" will furnish New York with pertinent information contained therein to include his last known address. It is noted that VETZ was listed by subject as being a member of the 100th Engineering Battalion, APO Barker 25, HUS.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>9/17/56</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/31;9/4,11/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>CARI E. GRAHAM</b>	TYPED BY <b>LM</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

No record of **GEORGE KOVAL** at National Society of Professional Engineers, Wash., D. C. Records concerning personnel matters or security pertaining to **KOVAL's** former assignment with Manhattan Engineering District, (MED) reported to be maintained by AEC at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. **RICHARD FORD**, Office Manager, National Society of Professional Engineers, 2029 K Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., advised SA **CHARLES A. RAY**, on July 31, 1956, that records of his organization do not contain any reference to the subject under the name **GEORGE KOVAL**.

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On September 4, 1956, Mr. VICTOR MITCHELL, Assistant to the Chief for Personnel Security, Washington Area Security Operations, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), 1901 Constitution Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., advised that central indices of AEC personnel disclosed no record for GEORGE KOVAL, located at Washington, D. C. He stated that the retired security file for KOVAL, pertaining to his previous assignment with the Manhattan Engineering District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, or at Dayton, Ohio, would be maintained by AEC at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

In New York cover letter dated 8/2/56, accompanying the report of SA [redacted], New York, dated 8/2/56, a lead was set out for [redacted] to review ROVAL's Manhattan Engineering District (MED) Security File and any other available [redacted] records pertinent to subject's assignment with [redacted] at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio. It is noted that in a New York letter to the Director, Baltimore, Knoxville, New Haven, St. Louis, and [redacted], dated 5/27/56, a lead was set out for Knoxville to conduct extensive investigation pertaining to ROVAL's assignment with [redacted]. It is also noted the Summary Report of SA W. E. RINEHART, JR., made at New York, October 28, 1951, sets out a resume of information obtained from a review of ROVAL's MED Security File in custody of the AEC at Oak Ridge.

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As is set out in the report of SA HARVEY H. WITKOWSKI, Los Angeles, dated 8/20/56, information in the Administrative Section of that report points up a discrepancy with regard to WILLIAM FUSSELL [redacted] and the matter of his passport record. It was previously reported that a review of the passport file of [redacted] by [redacted], is set out in [redacted] letter to Bureau, dated 7/1/56, disclosed the passport application executed by [redacted] on 12/23/52, showed [redacted] denied previous foreign travel; while, when interviewed by SA WITKOWSKI on 5/8/56, [redacted] admitted he attended the University of Basel in Switzerland in 1939. [redacted] is re-checking the passport records of [redacted] in an effort to clarify this matter. Photographs of [redacted] were furnished to Los Angeles by [redacted].

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LOS ANGELES: (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is furnished Los Angeles so that office presently is conducting investigation in this case.



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MEMPHIS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Will review the file on ROVAL to assure that all investigation has been conducted with regard to subject's MND employment. If not, will conduct such investigation as was requested in New York letter dated 8/2/56, as restated in the Administrative Section of instant report.

WASHINGTON FIELD:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will review military service records of the various officers whose names and Army Serial Numbers are set out in St. Louis letter to Director, New York, and WFO, dated 9/6/56. These officers reportedly were members of the 1943-1944 staff of AFU at the College of the City of New York. WFO will ascertain their last known addresses in order to interview them about subject.

2. Will re-examine the passport file of WILLIAM RUSSEL HOSE to facilitate a re-interview of HOSE by Los Angeles.

REFERENCES

Report of SA DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS, Kansas City, dated 7/11/56.  
Report of SA [redacted] New York, dated 8/2/56.  
New York letter to Director, Los Angeles, St. Louis, and WFO, dated 8/2/56.  
Report of SA HARVEY H. WHITBELL, Los Angeles, dated 8/20/56.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>AUG 28 1956</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/5,11;8/16,17,21,22, 24/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>HARRY H. WHIDBEE</b>	TYPED BY <b>rpc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

## SYNOPSIS:

English translation of letter from ABRAHAM KOVAL written in Russian dated 5/20/56 to GOLDA GURSHTEL set forth. GURSHTEL advises during visit to Russia in 1936 she and husband visited KOVAL at Moscow where he was then student at Mendeleev Chemical Institute and met "LYUDMILA", then fiancée of KOVAL. GURSHTELS remained in Moscow about 10 days. Later, saw GEORGE KOVAL at collective farm of his father where he stated he would remain for school vacation. Photograph entire KOVAL family, taken just prior departure 1932, obtained. GRACE GOLDBERG, nee GERTZ, interviewed. Advises no knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL's presence in U.S. between 1940-1948. States her father, SAM GERTZ, and mother, PEARL SILVER, separated and divorced about 1924 and none of family have seen nor heard of SAM GERTZ since.

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DETAILS:

GOLDA GURSHTEL, subject's aunt, was previously interviewed by SAs CHESTER C. ORTON and HARRY H. WHIDBEE on June 19, 1956. She furnished a letter postmarked May 22, 1956, in Russia, from her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL, subject's father. She stated this letter contains news of the KOVAL family in Russia.

The following is a translation of the above-described letter:

"Dear sister GOLDA:

"Your short letters were received. The one to me, on the first of May, the other one to SHAYA, today.

"I have decided to answer your letters briefly and am writing in Russian, this is more convenient for me.

"Twenty years have passed since we have seen each other and during this time several changes have taken place in our family.

"Our dear GEYBI (GABRIEL?) died August 30, 1943, in a battle against the German fascists. ETL (ETHEL?) died August 28, 1952, from the dread disease, cancer. All the rest of us are alive and well. I am now about 75 and feel good, I am working. I live, as always, with SHAYA's family. We live and work at the same place, the collective farm.

"SHAYA and MUSYA have four children. The first one [ ] is [ ] years old (she was born soon after your departure). She is finishing the Doctor's Assistant-Midwife School, she is married (we celebrated her wedding May first). The second one, [ ], is [ ] years old. She is attending school, she will finish the [ ] [ ] The third one, [ ] is attending school, she will finish the [ ] she is [ ] years old. The fourth one, [ ] a son,

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"is [ ] years old. He is attending school and will finish [ ] They are all good children.

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"GEORGE lives in Moscow, he still works for the Mendeleev Chemical Institute. His title is: 'Candidate of Technical Sciences.' He is living with his wife LYUDMILA (you saw them once in Moscow) but they have no children.

"Well, that is all for now.

"Much, much love from all of us to all of you,

"your A. KOVAL"

The letter was addressed to "GOLDIE GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook, Sherman Oaks, California, U.S.A."; return address "A. I. KOVAL, 2nd Volchaevska Station, Khabarovsk Territory, '18th Party Congress' Collective Farm."

It is noted that HARRY and GOLDA GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, were previously interviewed by SAs CHESTER C. ORTON and HARRY H. WHIDBEE on May 24, 1956. They advised at this time that in 1936 they travelled to Europe during which time they visited HARRY GURSHTEL's parents then in Poland and later visited ABRAHAM KOVAL and his family in the Far Eastern Region of Biro-Bidjan and spent about one week with the KOVAL family. They advised that GEORGE and ISIAH KOVAL, the two oldest sons of ABRAHAM, were assisting their father on a collective farm. Neither of the GURSHTELS, during interview on May 24, 1956, mentioned travel to Moscow or having seen GEORGE KOVAL in Moscow.

On August 22, 1956, Mrs. GOLDA GURSHTEL and HARRY GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, were reinterviewed by SAs CHESTER C. ORTON and HARRY H. WHIDBEE. Mrs. GURSHTEL was questioned concerning a phrase in the letter, translation of which is set forth above, pertaining to the last paragraph in which the letter indicates that GEORGE KOVAL and LYUDMILA were seen by the GURSHTELS in Moscow.

Mrs. GURSHTEL advised she does not recall having omitted this phrase when reading this letter to Special Agents on May 24, 1956, but explained as follows:

During the GURSHTELS trip to Russia in 1936 she and her husband first visited his relatives in Poland. They then travelled to Moscow where they remained about ten days. During this ten-day stay in Moscow, they saw GEORGE KOVAL many times. GEORGE KOVAL at this time was a student at the Mendeleev Institute in Moscow. On one such meeting, KOVAL introduced to the GURSHTELS his girl friend LYUDMILA and stated that she was also known as "MILLIE." The GURSHTELS state that they only saw LYUDMILA once and recall nothing of her background except she was also a student at the Mendeleev Institute. The GURSHTELS described LYUDMILA as follows:

Name	LYUDMILA (INU), aka MILLIE
Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	In 1936 about 22 to 25
Height	About 5'4"
Weight	Unknown
Build	Slender
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Medium olive
Eyes	Unknown

During this visit with KOVAL, the GURSHTELS advised that he stated after he came to Russia in 1932 he had great difficulty mastering the Russian language; therefore, for two years had remained on the collective farm with his father in order to study the Russian language. He stated in about 1934 he entered the Mendeleev Chemical Institute and was in 1936 working toward a degree. The GURSHTELS advised they departed Moscow and then travelled to visit her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL, on the collective farm in the Far Eastern Region of Biro-Bidjan. A few days after their arrival, GEORGE KOVAL appeared and announced that he was on vacation from school for two months during which he intended to spend with his father working on the collective farm.

Mrs. GURSHTEL furnished a photograph of the entire KOVAL family, which according to her was taken in Sioux City, Iowa, only a short time prior to the KOVALs' departure to Russia in 1932. She identified those in the photograph as ABRAHAM KOVAL, ETHEL KOVAL, subject's parents, GEORGE KOVAL in center wearing glasses, ISIAH KOVAL, to left of subject, and GABRIEL KOVAL, right rear.

HARRY GURSHTEL advised on August 22, 1956, that SAM GERTZ was the first husband of his wife's sister, now known as PEARL SILVER. SAM and PEARL were divorced in Sioux City, Iowa, shortly after the birth of GRACE GERTZ in about 1924. GERTZ completely disappeared thereafter and none of the relatives have ever seen or heard of him since. GURSHTEL advised that GERTZ was a baker by occupation and was in the early 1920's employed at the Sioux City Bakery. HARRY GURSHTEL characterized GERTZ as a "drifter" who refused to settle down in Sioux City. He stated GERTZ was born in Russia and had previously lived in New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

On August 22, 1956, Mrs. ARTHUR GOLDBERG was located at her residence, 5651 Willis Avenue, Van Nuys, California, and interviewed by SAs CHESTER C. ORTON and HARRY H. WHIDBEE. She advised that her maiden name was GRACE GERTZ, that she is the daughter of PEARL SILVER and SAM GERTZ and is a cousin of GEORGE KOVAL. She said she was living in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1932 when the KOVAL family departed for Russia; however, states that her recollection of the entire affair is vague since she was only eight years old in 1932. She advised that most of her knowledge concerning the KOVAL family was learned from conversations between her mother and other relatives. GRACE GOLDBERG advised she has neither heard from nor been in contact with any member of the KOVAL family since their departure in 1932, nor does she know of any relatives who have stated they have been in contact with any of the KOVALs with the exception of GOLDA and HARRY GURSHTEL, who visited the KOVAL family in Russia during 1936.

Mrs. GOLDBERG advised that she and her mother moved from Sioux City, Iowa, in 1948 to Los Angeles where she has resided since. She states that SAM GERTZ, her father, and her mother were separated and later divorced about 1923 or 1924 shortly after her birth. She said that she nor any member of her family have ever seen or heard from her father since the divorce in the early 1920's. Mrs. GOLDBERG states she knows nothing of her father's background but suspects he was born in Russia. She stated she did not know whether or not he had ever applied for or become a naturalized U.S. citizen.

Mrs. GOLDBERG states she recalls no one connected with the KOVAL family or her mother's husband, PAUL SILVER,

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who was named TILLIE or ABRAHAM SILVER who had lived in New York City during 1940's.

LEONARD FIELDS, 10610 Culver City Boulevard, Culver City, California, was reinterviewed by SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE on August 22, 1956. He had previously advised that he recalled having a snapshot of KOVAL taken with a young woman during 1947 somewhere among his possessions. He advised that a thorough search of his personal effects failed to reveal the snapshot of KOVAL which he had previously mentioned.

ENCLOSURES:

TO NEW YORK:

One (1) photograph of the KOVAL family.

One (1) photograph of GEORGE KOVAL.

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Re NY let to Bureau 7/19/56 requests Los Angeles to interview JEAN MORDETZKY regarding possible identification of alleged associate of KOVAL described as a Zoology Professor at Columbia University. Relet reflects WFO will submit photographs of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE for displaying to JEAN MORDETZKY to identify as person she met at New Year's Eve party during 1950. In view of MORDETZKY's residence at La Verne, California, some distance from Los Angeles, both of these leads will be covered simultaneously upon receipt of HOSE's photograph from WFO.

Re WFO let to Bureau 7/11/56 reflects information regarding WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, Passport No. 762642, issued 12/23/52. Paragraph six of this letter reflects HOSE's passport application indicated no previous foreign travel or passport. Report of SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE, 7/2/56, Los Angeles, page 6, reflects that T-5, a firm engaged in collecting and preparing financial reports concerning business enterprises, furnished information that HOSE received a doctor's degree from the University of Basel in Switzerland (no dates shown). It is also noted that during interview of HOSE by SA WHIDBEE on 5/8/56 he admitted he attended the University of Basel in Switzerland in 1939. This information is set out to point out the discrepancy in HOSE's statement on passport application issued 12/23/52 in his denial of previous foreign travel on passport.

Report of SA WHIDBEE 7/2/56 sets forth a lead for Los Angeles to interview Mrs. KATIE KOLODZIEJSKI, 7327 Earldom Avenue, Playa Del Rey, California, regarding her knowledge of JEAN MORDETZKY, JACK JUPITER and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE as guests at her New Year's Eve party December 1950. An attempt was made to conduct this interview on 7/11/56 and 8/16/56. On 7/11/56 she was unavailable and on 8/16/56 neighbors advised the KOLODZIEJSKIS were on vacation. This interview will be conducted as soon as the KOLODZIEJSKIS return.

The letter reflected in the details of this report from ABRAHAM KOVAL to GOLDA GURSHTEL written in the Russian

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language dated 5/20/56 was translated by OLIVIA L. MC MAHON 7/9/56 as reflected in Bulet to Los Angeles 7/11/56.

On 8/22/56 the original of the letter written in the Russian language from ABRAHAM KOVAL to GOLDA GURSHTEL as reflected in the details of this report was returned to Mrs. GURSHTEL.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO):

One copy of this report is being designated for WFO inasmuch as that office is presently conducting investigation regarding this matter.

LOS ANGELES:

AT LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA

Will, upon receipt of photograph of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE from WFO, reinterview JEAN MORDETZKY to identify HOSE as person she met at New Year's Eve party 1950 and will interview MORDETZKY re identity of unknown Zoology Professor at Columbia University, alleged associate of KOVAL.

AT PLAYA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA

Will, upon return of KATIE KOLODZIEJSKI, 7327 Earlom Avenue, interview her regarding her knowledge of JEAN MORDETZKY, JACK JUPITER, and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM HOSE as guests at her New Year's Eve party in December 1950.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will consider reinterview of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer, concerning discrepancy of information contained in passport December 1952 reflecting no previous foreign travel and his statement that he attended Basel University, Switzerland, in 1939, and further interview of HOSE concerning statement allegedly made by him concerning KOVAL's presence in France in 1950 as alleged by JEAN MORDETZKY.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE dated 7/2/56 at Los Angeles.

Bulet to Los Angeles 7/11/56.

New York let to Bureau dated 7/19/56.

WFO let to Bureau dated 7/11/56.

Report of SA  dated 8/2/56 at New York.

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SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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ReLAlet to the Bureau, NY and WFO, dated 5/17/56;  
reFOlet to Bureau, NY and LA, dated 7/11/56; rerep of SA  
HARRY H. WHIDBEE, LA, dated 7/2/56; and reWFOrep SA CARL  
F. GRAHAM, dated 9/17/56.

It will be recalled that when interviewed by  
SAs of the LA Office on 5/8/56, WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE  
denied having known GEORGE KOVAL; also stated he could not  
recall having discussed GEORGE KOVAL with anyone at a New  
Years Eve party in 1953; claimed to have taken a trip to  
Europe with his wife in 1953; claimed to have attended the  
University of Basel in Switzerland in 1939.

It was previously reported in WFO relet dated  
7/11/56 that KOVAL's passport file reflected only one pass-  
port had been issued to him, Passport No. 762642, dated 12/23/52.  
The passport file for HOSE was again reviewed 9/19/56 by  
SA CARL F. GRAHAM, and the only passport application located  
was that previously described, executed by HOSE on 12/16/52  
at LA. It was noted specifically, this application bore  
HOSE's sworn statement that he never had a prior passport; the  
space left to describe any previous foreign residence was  
left blank; and this application was not an application to  
include his wife.

In the contemplated re-interview of HOSE it is  
suggested that LA inquire what passport facilities he used  
when in Europe in 1939 attending the University of Basel,  
as claimed; also what passport facilities his wife, DORIS  
HILDA PARTRIDGE HOSE (born 4/30/24 at Franklin, Texas) used  
in their claimed trip together to Europe in 1953; also HOSE  
may be persuaded to exhibit his or their passports in order

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that more complete details of his travels may be known as reflected in visas issued, borders crossed, etc.

It is to be noted that the files of the Passport Office were searched under the names of his wife and his parents with negative results. P.

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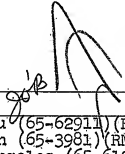
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SYNOPSIS:

The staff officers, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), CCNY, 1943 - 1944, as identified in Organizational Rosters of ASTU on file at St. Louis, Missouri, set forth. Last known addresses designated in available service records of above officers set forth. Results of recontact with IRVING WEISMAN, former associate of subject, set forth. Present and former owners, 311 West 72nd Street, NYC, had no record or recollection of subject's claimed residence thereat during 1936 - 1939. Student records, Columbia University, disclose no record for WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE. No record of tenancy for MARVIN MARCUS at 1266 Olmstead Avenue, Bronx, NY.

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DETAILS:

IDENTIFICATION OF UNITED STATES ARMY STAFF  
OFFICERS, ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM,  
COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 1943 - 1944

CLIFFORD CORBIN, Acting Supervisor, Reference Service Unit, Miscellaneous Records Section, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, (DDMPRC), St. Louis, Missouri, advised SE JAMES W. ESTEP of the following on August 29, 1956:

Any records at that center concerning GEORGE KOVAL's service with the Army Specialized Training Program, (ASTP), with the exception of Organizational Rosters and Morning Reports, would be contained in his service record. A review of KOVAL's service record disclosed only that he was assigned to the 3410th "STAR", the Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, from July 20, 1943 to August 10, 1943, and to Headquarters, 3225th "STAR" Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit (SU, ASTU), College of the City of New York (CCNY), from August 11, 1943 to August 9, 1944, when he was transferred to the First Provisional Special Engineering Detachment (SED) Unit, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. No details concerning the above assignments were contained in the records.

A check of the Organizational Rosters for the 3225th SU, ASTU, CCNY, revealed that the following officers were members of the staff in 1943 - 1944:

Major FRED S. CANTER  
Army Serial Number O-350 833

Major ABRAHAM B. COHEN  
Army Serial Number O-189 956

Major ALBERT J. LATTERMAN  
Army Serial Number O-134 694

Major CHARLES S. RICHARDS  
Army Serial Number O-170 645

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Captain ALBERT E. CAMPION  
Army Serial Number O-276 272

Captain WILLIAM C. COOKE  
Army Serial Number O-480 012

Captain BERNARD F. CURRY  
Army Serial Number O-422 654

Captain JAMES T. DUDLEY  
Army Serial Number O-363 828

Captain EMIL FICHTER  
Army Serial Number O-184 078

The Organizational Records also disclosed the following as members of the 1218th SU, ASTU, CCNY, in 1943:

Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK  
Army Serial Number O-007 792

Captain CHRISTOPHER MICHEL  
Army Serial Number O-344 806

Major FRANK CHRISTIAN  
Army Serial Number O-011 542

Major THEODORE C. NEWMAN  
Army Serial Number O-272 920

CORBIN stated that he was unable to identify Colonel J. B. GRIER; Lieutenant Colonel C. O. BUCKLAND; or Lieutenant JACOB VITZ or UITZ, through the organizational rosters.

A check of the Service Records Section, DDMPRC, disclosed that a service record for one Lieutenant JACOB UITZ, Army Serial Number O-111 140 was forwarded to the Personnel Information Branch, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., on December 20, 1949.

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It is noted that the October 6, 1943, issue of "The Campus", CCNY weekly newspaper, and the "CCNY Bulletin, 1942 - 1943" as reviewed on May 22, 1956, by SA [redacted] respectively identified Colonel J. B. BRIER as a staff officer of the ASTP at CCNY, and Lieutenant Colonel C. O. BUCKLAND, as on the Instructional Staff, Military Science Department, CCNY.

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A check of the service records by CLIFFORD CORBIN for each of the staff officers of the ASTU, CCNY, disclosed the following information concerning their last known addresses:

Lieutenant Colonel FRED SIMPSON  
99-21 67th Road  
Forest Hills, Long Island, New York,  
as of October 1, 1947.

Major ABRAHAM B. COHEN  
Post Office Box 90, Key Largo, Florida,  
as of May 19, 1954.

Major JAMES T. DUDLEY  
Lucedale, Mississippi,  
as of May 19, 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel THEODORE C. NEWMAN  
43-60 168th Street, Flushing, Long Island,  
New York, as of March 11, 1955.

It is noted that the current telephone directory, Borough of Queens, New York City, as reviewed by SA [redacted] on September 5, 1956, disclosed a telephone listing for Doctor THEODORE C. NEWMAN, 43-60 168th Street, Flushing Long Island, New York.

CLIFFORD CORBIN also advised on August 29, 1956, that the service records for the following

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officers are not on file at the DDMPRC, St. Louis Missouri, but should be on file at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK  
Captain CHRISTOPHER MICHEL  
Major FRANK CHRISTAIN  
Major ALBERT J. LATTERMAN  
Major CHARLES S. RICHARDS  
Captain ALBERT E. CAMPION  
Captain WILLIAM C. COOKE  
Captain BERNARD F. CURRY  
Captain EMIL FICHTER

RECONTACT WITH IRVING WEISMAN

IRVING WEISMAN, 2877 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York, was recontacted by SA [ ] on July 30, 1956, and advised as follows:

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To the best of his recollection, SEYMOUR LASSEN, the son of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, was employed by the General Electric Company, Incorporated, (GE), during 1947 or 1948, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in conjunction with an "on the job training program" while a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). WEISMAN believed that SEYMOUR LASSEN was recommended for the above training program by a professor in the Electrical Engineering Department of MIT (name unknown to WEISMAN), and that in all probability, the employment or correspondence records of the GE plant at Pittsfield, Massachusetts would disclose a record of SEYMOUR LASSEN's employment thereat, and possibly the name of the MIT professor who recommended him for that employment. WEISMAN emphatically stated that the professor who recommended LASSEN for the MIT "on the job training program" was "extremely friendly" with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, the former owner of the Raven Electric Company, at New York City.

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It is noted that when originally interviewed by SAS [redacted] and WILLIAM D. DONOHUE on May 11, 1955, IRVING WEISMAN described himself as a close associate of the subject at GCNY during the periods 1943 - 1944 and 1946 - 1948.

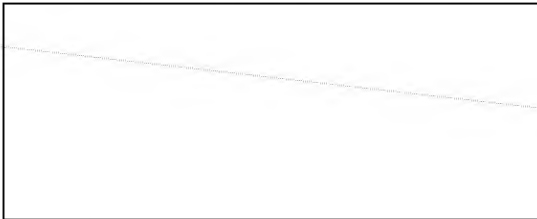
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BENJAMIN W. LASSEN

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised the following information during July, 1952, attributed to T-2, whom T-1 has described as having supplied accurate information in the past, but who has apparently withheld information on various occasions.

Based upon the known activities and background of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the Raven Electric Company (REC), New York City, it was T-2's opinion that LASSEN is identical with the unknown Soviet Agent [redacted]

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RESULTS OF INQUIRY AT EASTERN ELECTRICAL  
WHOLESALE ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK CITY

T. M. GOPSILL, Engineering Director, Eastern Electrical Wholesalers Association, (EEWA), 31 Union Square West, New York City, was contacted by SA [redacted] on August 6, 1956, and advised as follows:

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The records of the EEWA disclosed that the REC, 20 West 23rd Street, New York City, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, was a member-company of the EEWA during the period February 20, 1940 to February 12, 1951. The corporate structure of the REC, as filed with the EEWA, identified BENJAMIN W. LASSEN as President; GERTRUDE L. LASSEN as Vice-President; and LEON TAMARIN as Secretary. In a membership application executed by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN during 1940, LASSEN claimed that all the employees of the REC were members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3, New York City. The membership of the REC in the EEWA was terminated on February 12, 1951, for "arrears in dues payments."

GOPSILL stated that he recalls having had limited contact with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, whom he described as "an able electrical engineer, but a poor electrical supply businessman." The 1948 passport photograph of the subject was displayed to GOPSILL, who described the photograph as "completely unfamiliar" to him. GOPSILL stated he was unable to furnish additional information regarding BENJAMIN W. LASSEN and the latter's operation of the REC.

Concerning the above, it is noted that when contacted by SA [ ] on July 12, 1956, ALBERT COHEN, who described himself as employed in the electrical supply business in New York City, from 1922 - 1950, suggested that inquiry be made at the EEWA, New York City, concerning BENJAMIN W. LASSEN and the REC, which might possibly disclose in detail, information concerning the operation of the REC and its employees.

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REGARDING SUBJECT'S REPORTED RESIDENCE AT  
311 WEST 72nd STREET, NEW YORK CITY, 1936-1939

The subject listed the address of 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, as his former residence for the period 1936 - 1939, in an application for the SED, executed by him during 1943.

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JOSEPH GEBHARDT, owner of the rooming house located at 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, was contacted by SA [ ] on August 9, 1956, and advised as follows:

He purchased the house at 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, during November, 1939, from Mrs. SARAH KAY, who, to the best of his recollection, also rented furnished rooms. A review of the rental records for the period November, 1939 through the present, failed to disclose a record for GEORGE KOVAL, or an individual with the surname KOVAL. The subject's photograph was described as "unknown" by GEBHARDT. GEBHARDT believed that Mrs. SARAH KAY, the former owner, could be presently contacted at 209 West 87th Street, New York City.

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Mrs. SARAH KAY, 209 West 87th Street, New York City, was contacted on August 14, 1956, by SA [ ], and advised that she owned the house at 311 West 72nd Street, New York City, from around 1937 through 1939. She stated that she rented rooms to several different individuals during the period of her ownership, but was unable to recall their names and could not locate her rental records which would disclose that information. Mrs. KAY described the name GEORGE KOVAL and a photograph of the latter as "unknown" to her.

REGARDING THE REPORTED ATTENDANCE OF WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY

DEAN JOHNSON, Clerk, Registrar's Office, Columbia University, New York City, advised SA ROBERT J. BURTON on September 13, 1956, that a review of former and current student records of that university failed to disclose a record of attendance for WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE.

Concerning WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, it is noted that when interviewed by SAs HARRY H. WHIDBEE and JAMES A. MILLS on February 20, 1956, JEAN MORDETZYK, 1731

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Elmcrest Avenue, La Verne, California, who described herself as the subject's former girlfriend, advised as follows:

She attended a New Year's Eve party during December, 1950, at an unknown address in West Los Angeles with a casual date, JACK or JACOB JUPITER. She recalled meeting, at this party, a man and wife named ROSE or HOSE, who told her they were associated with Signet Laboratories in Los Angeles. During a conversation with the couple, the husband mentioned that they knew GEORGE KOVAL, who attended CCNY, and further that they had met him in Paris, France, during a trip to Europe in either 1949 or 1950.

T-5, a firm engaging in collecting and preparing financial reports concerning business enterprises in the Los Angeles area, furnished information on February 21, 1956, that Signet Laboratories, 614-622 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, is a partnership of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE and JAMES HERSCHEL WHITE, begun in 1949. This record reflects HOSE was born in 1918 in Michigan, came to California in 1920, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry from Stanford University, Masters of Arts Degree from Columbia University and Doctor's Degree from University of Basel in Switzerland, (no dates shown).

REGARDING MARVIN MARCUS

LEONARD FIELDS, also known as Leonard Finkelstein, an employee of the Union Industrial Supply, Incorporated, Culver City, California, was interviewed by SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE on June 8, 1956, at which time he described himself as very friendly with the subject during the period 1946 - 1948, at which time both he and the subject were students at CCNY. FIELDS identified one MARVIN MARCUS as a fellow student at CCNY, who also was very friendly with the subject and with whom the subject "associated freely." FIELDS stated that MARCUS resided

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in Apartment 6G, 1266 Ohmstead Street, Bronx, New York, during 1954, and had lived at 2160 Clinton Street, Bronx, New York, during the period 1946 - 1948.

Appropriate city guides for the City of New York, as reviewed by SA [ ] on September 14, 1956, failed to disclose an Ohmstead Street in the Borough of Bronx, New York, but did disclose an Olmstead Avenue in that borough.

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J. MC CRORIARO, Superintendent, 1266 Olmstead Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA GUTHEIL on September 14, 1956, that the tenancy records for that apartment house failed to disclose a record of tenancy for MARVIN MARCUS, or a family with the surname MARCUS for the period 1945 to present. MC CRORIARO stated that Apartment 6G has been rented by JOHN CASHEN and family since March, 1956, and from 1952 to March, 1956, by a family with the surname ENGLANDER.

ENCLOSURE: TO MIAMI:

One (1) passport photograph of subject taken during 1948.

ENCLOSURE: TO NEW ORLEANS:

One (1) passport photograph of subject taken during 1948.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where it was deemed necessary to protect the identity of the source.

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(S) This report has been classified as "~~Secret~~"

Information reported in instant report relating to the identification of staff officers, ASTP, CCNY, 1943 - 1944, was made available to the NYO by the St. Louis Office in its memo, 9/6/56. That memo set forth a lead for the Washington Field Office to locate service records and to ascertain last known addresses for those officers whose service records were not located at St. Louis, Missouri, which were described as possibly on file at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Lead set forth in report of SA [ ] at NY on 8/2/56, to identify ERIC GLUCKNER, a recipient of a telegram on 9/10/55, from EUGENE SILVER, subject's cousin, will not be covered at this time, in view of subject's reported present residence in Moscow, Russia. The purpose of that lead was to establish whether or not GLUCKNER was identical with the subject.

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For the benefit of the Miami and New Orleans Offices which have not received a prior communication in this matter, the following brief summary of investigation conducted to date is noted:

(S) Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942, he was employed with the REC, NYC, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet Agent known by [redacted]

[redacted] During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "Unclassified" to "~~Top Secret~~." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS AMERICA", destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendeliev Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

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Information furnished by the GURSHTELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

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Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CCNY on 2/1/48.

LEADS

BOSTON

At Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Will review employment and correspondence records of the GE plant in Pittsfield in an attempt to locate a record of employment for SEYMOUR LASSEN, an MIT student who was reportedly employed thereat during the period 1947 - 1948, in conjunction with an MIT "on the job training program." If SEYMOUR LASSEN's employment is verified, review same GE records to locate the name of the MIT professor who recommended SEYMOUR LASSEN for employment with GE.

MIAMI

At Key Largo, Florida

Will attempt to locate and interview Major ABRAHAM B. COHEN, whose last known address during 1954, was Post Office Box 90, Key Largo, Florida, regarding his recollection of the subject's activities as a member of the ASTP, CCNY, and the circumstances relating to subject's assignment from the ASTP to the SED, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In that regard, attempt to establish whether or not it was possible for subject to have knowledge, prior to his Army service, that his selection into the ASTP would result in an assignment with the SED, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Interviews with former staff officers, ASTP, CCNY, 1943 - 1944, should be directed at establishing whether or not subject's assignment to the ASTP and SED

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was a preconceived plan, and whether he had influence with any particular Army officer or civilian employee of the United States Government to successfully execute that plan, if any.

NEW ORLEANS

At Lucedale, Mississippi

Will, through appropriate sources, attempt to locate and interview Major JAMES T. DUDLEY, whose last known address as of May 19, 1948, was Lucedale, Mississippi. Interview should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth herein for Miami Office regarding interviews with former staff officers, ASTP, CCNY, 1943 - 1944.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

and interview  
1. Will attempt to locate/Lieutenant Colonel FRED SIMPSON CANTER, last known to be residing at 99-21 67th Road, Forest Hills, Long Island, during 1947; and Lieutenant Colonel THEODORE C. NEWMAN, last known to be residing at 43-60 168th Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York, during 1955, in accordance with instructions set forth herein regarding interviews with former staff officers, ASTP, CCNY.

2. Will, at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3, NYC, review membership records concerning subject.

3. Will, at 2160 Clinton Avenue, Bronx, New York; 1266 Olmstead Avenue, Bronx, New York, and CCNY, attempt to develop information regarding the whereabouts of MARVIN MARCUS, reportedly an associate of the subject at CCNY during 1946 - 1948.

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4. Will contact American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and American Institute of Electrical Engineers, each located at 33 West 39th Street, New York City, for any information which may be available concerning subject.

5. \*Will consider the advisability of conducting appropriate manifest reviews at INS, NYC, regarding the subject and his family who reportedly departed the US at NYC for Russia during the spring of 1932.

6. \*Will also consider the advisability of conducting manifest reviews at INS, NYC, in an attempt to ascertain the subject's date of return to the US from Russia, which according to previous investigation, may have been sometime during the period 1939-1941.

LOS ANGELES AND WASHINGTON FIELD

One copy of this report has been designated for the Los Angeles Office and the WFO inasmuch as these offices are presently conducting investigation concerning this case.

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Report of SA [ ] dated  
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Rerep made at San Francisco by SA Keith G. Teeter, 11/18/55.

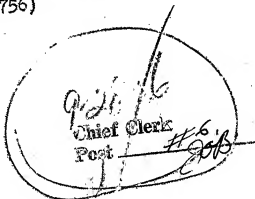
Rerep sets forth results of interview on 11/7/55 with SEYMOUR BLOCK, Physicist, Health Physics Group, Livermore Site, University of California Radiation Laboratory at Livermore, California. BLOCK stated he worked with the subject at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory during 1944, at which time both he and the subject were serving in the U.S. Army.

In an attempt to develop the exact nature of the subject's duties while at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, San Francisco is requested to reinterview BLOCK regarding his recollection of the subject's access to classified information and whether or not that information was of the type that would have been of material value to Soviet espionage agents in the U.S. In that regard, it is noted that although the investigation concerning the subject strongly indicates his involvement in Soviet espionage activity, no information of a specific nature has been developed to link him with Soviet espionage activity in the United States.

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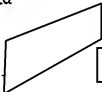
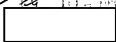
Re NY letter to Director, St. Louis, and WFO dated August 2, 1956; re St. Louis letter to Director, New York, and WFO dated September 6, 1956; rerep SA CARL E. GRAHAM, WFO, dated September 17, 1956.

The St. Louis relet dated September 6, 1956, requested WFO to locate and review military service records for individuals who during 1943-44 were assigned, as officers, to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at City College of New York (CCNY), where GEORGE KOVAL also was assigned as a student during that same period.

The following information was obtained on September 18, 1956, from records of the Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, Pentagon Building, by ST WILLIAM H. QUINLAN, Jr.:

Captain ALBERT E. CAMPION, O-276272. Examination of Army 201 file showed Captain CAMPION assigned to SCSU at CCNY from December 10, 1943, to June 20, 1944. Latest available address, shown as of March 5, 1956, was Lt. Col. ALBERT E. CAMPION, Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, No. 5 Alexander Place, Baldwin, Long Island, New York. *U/L*

Major FRANK CHRISTIAN, O-011542. Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned to duty at CCNY from April 25, 1944, to September 1, 1944. Latest available address, shown as of September 7, 1955, was FRANK CHRISTIAN, Major, Infantry, U. S. Army Retired, R. D. #1, Mdn Road, Silver Creek, New York. *U/L*

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Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, O-007792. Examination of Army 201 file showed COOK assigned duty at CCNY from January 4, 1943, to August 31, 1944. As of May 3, 1954, latest address available was Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, Infantry, Retired, 640 Riverside Drive, New York City. *n/a*  
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Captain WILLIAM C. COOKE, O-480012. Examination of Army 201 file showed COOKE assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 1, 1943, to April 22, 1944; also from August 22, 1944, to September 11, 1944. Latest available address, as of November 18, 1953, was Major WILLIAM C. COOKE, MPC, U.S. Army Reserve, 25 Tudor City Pl., New York City. *dl*  
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Captain BERNARD F. CURRY, O-422654. Examination of Army 201 file showed CURRY assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 20, 1943, to February 13, 1944. Latest available address as of January 28, 1954, was Maj or BERNARD F. CURRY, Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, 150 Greenway Terrace, Forrest Hills, New York. *NYO*  
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Captain EMIL FIGHTER, O-184078. Examination of Army 201 file showed FIGHTER assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 1, 1943, to November 13, 1944. Latest available address shown was Maj or EMIL FIGHTER, Infantry, U.S. Army Hon. Reserve, 425 Crosby Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey. *NYO*  
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Major ALBERT J. LATTERMAN, O-134694. Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned December 2, 1943, to April 26, 1944, at SCSU, CCNY. Latest available address as of June 28, 1956, was Lt. Col. ALBERT J. LATTERMAN, Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, 43-31 Ithaca Street, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York. *NYO*  
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Captain CHRISTOPHER MICHEL, O-344206. Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned from July 1, 1942, to May 9, 1944, to ROTC and SCSU at CCNY. The latest available address shown was: CHRISTOPHER MICHEL, Lt. Col., Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, 300 Reata Street, Salinas, California. *NYO*  
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Major CHARLES S. RICHARDS, O-170645. Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned from April 26, 1943, to June 22, 1944, to the SCSU at CCNY. His latest *NYO*  
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available address, as of February 12, 1954, was Lt. Col. CHARLES S. MICHAIDS, M.P., U.S. Army, Retired, 7040 Harvey Avenue, Pennsauken, New Jersey. *Walt*

Lieutenant Colonel JACOB UITEZ, O-1111401. Examination of Army 201 File disclosed JACOB H. UITEZ was born December 6, 1912, in Austria-Hungary. During the period March 4, 1943, to June 30, 1944, he was assigned to Company A and Company B, 101st Engineering Battalion. During the period of July 9, 1944, to December 31, 1944, he was assigned to the ASF Regional Hospital, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The latest available address, as of November 6, 1952, was shown as: JACOB UITEZ, Captain, C.I. Honorary Reserve, 2115 Dayton Street, Chicago 14, Illinois. *Walt*

It will be recalled that one of the persons named as a personal reference by subject on his Manhattan Engineering District (MED) questionnaire was UITEZ, listed as a member of the 10001st Engineering Battalion, AFD Number 25. REC.



DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

10/4/56

SAC, KNOXVILLE (65-553)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re: of SA CARL E. GRAHAM dated 9/17/56 at  
Washington Field.

On 9/23/56, Mr. CHARLES C. MASHIN, Chief,  
Personnel Security Branch, Security Division, U. S. AEC, Oak Ridge,  
Tenn., was requested to cause a complete search to be made of the  
files of the Security Division, U. S. AEC, for a Manhattan Engineering  
District security file on GEORGE KOVAL.

On 10/2/56, Mr. MASHIN advised that the MED  
security file on GEORGE KOVAL was sent on 11/23/54, to the office of  
C. A. BALAZS, Internal Security Branch, Division of Security,  
Washington, D. C., and that inquiry should be made in the office of  
Mr. BALAZS in regard to this file inasmuch as he should have the  
file in his possession or should have some record of the whereabouts of  
this file. Mr. MASHIN advised that the file has not been returned to  
Oak Ridge, Tenn., to date.

A review of the files of the Knoxville Office fails  
to disclose any further investigation to be conducted in the Knoxville  
Division.

If the MED security file on GEORGE KOVAL has not  
been reviewed by WFO as is indicated by the administrative data on  
re: and WFO has not contacted the office of C. A. BALAZS in an  
effort to locate this file, such a contact should be made.

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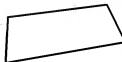
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TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT A. WILSON</b>	TYPED BY <b>CC</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

## SYNOPSIS:

JAMES T. DUDLEY, Lucedale, Mississippi, former Major, USA, advises he does not recall subject at the ASTU, CCNY, New York, 1943-44. DUDLEY states assignment at CCNY did not assure assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, or any other post of duty.

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## DETAILS:

AT LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI

On October 9, 1956, Mr. JAMES T. DUDLEY, manager of the Rural Electrification Association, advised that he had attended the ASTU in the City College of New York from about 1943 to 1945 for a period of about five months. He believed that he had been assigned to the "B" Company of the 3225th SU, ASTU, and that he was the Company Commander.

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DUDLEY had had four years' experience in an ROTC unit and had attended summer camp at Fort Benning, Georgia. While assigned to the 4th Army Infantry School at Fort Benning in 1943, he and about twenty other officers were selected to be sent to CCNY. Selection was made by a representative from the 2nd Service Command, New York, who reviewed the "201" files of the officers at Fort Benning. The officers selected were either members of the staff at Fort Benning or tactical instructors.

DUDLEY stated that an officer could not apply for the New York assignment but had to be selected by a representative of the 2nd Service Command, name unknown. DUDLEY left CCNY in about February, 1944, and proceeded to Ft. Dix, New Jersey, where he took over as personnel officer. He stated he had had no previous experience as a personnel officer but that he was assigned that duty anyway. He felt that assignments from CCNY were determined by the needs of the service and that there was no guarantee an officer would be designated for any particular type of duty.

While at CCNY, DUDLEY stated that he had over 200 men in his company and would teach at least one thousand men per week.

Upon being shown a photograph of the subject, DUDLEY stated he was unable to recall the subject. He stated he recalled Captain BERNARD F. CUNRY and a Captain DAVE PRICE who was from Memphis, Tennessee. DUDLEY stated that he knew of no particular officer or government employee who had control over the assignment of officers from the ASTU.

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Reporting Office <b>BOSTON</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>10/19/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>10/15/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE ROVAL</b>		Report made by <b>WILLIAM A. EBBY</b>	Typed By: <b>jdb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

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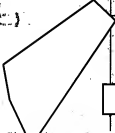
No record General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass., as to who recommended **WILLIAM LASSER** for employment. **LASSER** employed G. E. Co. as R & D cooperative student from 9/27/48 to 2/4/49.

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DETAILS: At Pittsfield, Massachusetts

On October 15, 1956, Mrs. **IRVING GARTI**, Personnel Secretary, General Electric Company, 100 Woodlawn Avenue, stated the company records indicate **WILLIAM LASSER** as a cooperative student from September 27, 1948 to February 4, 1949, when he returned to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mrs. GARTI said there is no additional information available concerning **LASSER**. She said that students are not required to submit applications as other employees and as a result there is no background information appearing for them. She said there is no information as to who recommended **LASSER** and no correspondence in his file from anyone.

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American Embassy  
Paris 8, France

Date: September 27, 1956  
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)  
From: Legat, Paris (65-335)  
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re Paris letter 7/16/56.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and possible dissemination are five copies of a memorandum containing information received from [redacted] on 9/21/56 in connection with the captioned matter. In this regard, this source has stated that it appears that it might be preferable if the interview of JANET FISHER were conducted by an American organization.

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Accordingly, Bureau authorization is requested for this office to conduct the necessary interview.

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GEORGE KOVAL

A representative of a foreign intelligence service furnished the following information on September 21, 1956:

JANET FISHER, who was born December 27, 1922, at Cleveland, U.S.A., an American citizen, is married to HENRY BOWKER, born October 18, 1899, at Eire, U.S.A. They reside at the Chateau de Felcourt, Loisy-sur-Marne, France.

BOWKER, who is an architectural engineer, works for the American companies "Frank Grad and Sons" and "Belly Stevenson Value and Knecht", both of which are represented in France by the Cabinet Dufau of Paris. These companies, working through the Cabinet Dufau and other French enterprises, are doing extensive work in the east of France for the American authorities under the direction of the Northeast District Joint Construction Agency.

The BOWKERS entered France on March 10, 1955. Ever since their arrival, they have demonstrated generosity toward the orphans of the region, and because of this fact they are on excellent terms with the local authorities.

The Chateau de Felcourt is located outside the town of Loisy-sur-Marne. Parties are sometimes held there, but they are small parties in nature.

Aside from his professional activities, it appears that BOWKER has very little contact with American military authorities, whom he seems desirous of keeping out of his private life.

On July 25, 1956, at the Hotel Select in Vitry-le-Francois, BOWKER met one Mr. CLAMPETT, whom he introduced as being the cousin of the well known American politician, Mr. STEVENSON.

Mr. BOWKER and his wife have not otherwise come to the attention of the French police or intelligence services, and their political leanings are not known.

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Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

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Reurlet 9-27-56 which requested Bureau  
authorization to interview Janet Fisher, who is  
now Mrs. Henry Bowker. Authorization granted.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>OCT 3 1956</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/31/56, 11, 13, 25, 27, 28, 10/10, 16, 29/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>HARRY H. WHIDBEE</b>	TYPED BY <b>ces</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

## SYNOPSIS:

KATIE KOLODZIEJSKI, also known as KATIE BALDWIN, Playa del Rey, California, advised 8/31/56 that she has held parties in December of 1950, 1951 and 1953. She states WILLIAM and DORIS HOSE and JACK JUPITER are close acquaintances who normally attend her parties. She fails to recall JEAN MORDETZKY. KOLODZIEJSKI advises HOSES traveled to Europe in 1953. JEAN MORDETZKY recontacted 10/19/56. States photo of HOSE familiar as person met at New Year's Eve party, December, 1950, with whom she conversed regarding KOVAL. MORDETZKY is not certain now that HOSE stated he met KOVAL in France but HOSE stated he knew woman who could furnish KOVAL's European address and promised to call her later and furnish same. MORDETZKY unable to identify name of Columbia University faculty member with whom KOVAL acquainted in 1948. WILLIAM R. HOSE reinterviewed 10/29/56 and denies any knowledge of KOVAL, does not recall meeting MORDETZKY at New Year's Eve party, December, 1950, or conversation with MORDETZKY regarding KOVAL or promise to obtain KOVAL's address in Europe for MORDETZKY. HOSE admits he never attended Basel University

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in Switzerland in 1939 and had never left United States prior to European trip in 1953. HOSE states wife, DORIS HILDA PRESTRIDGE HOSE, applied for and obtained separate passport at Los Angeles 12/16/52.

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DETAILS

INTERVIEW OF KATIE KOLODZIEJSKI

On August 31, 1956 KATIE KOLODZIEJSKI, 7327 Earldom Avenue, Playa del Rey, California, was interviewed by SA's JAMES A. MILLS and HARRY H. WHIDBEE. She advised she was formerly known as KATIE BALDWIN and is currently married to RICHARD KOLODZIEJSKI. She acknowledged close acquaintance with WILLIAM and DORIS HOSE as well as JACK JUPITER. She recalls open house New Year's Eve parties held in December, 1950, December, 1951, and December, 1953, and thinks that both of the HOSES and JACK JUPITER attended these parties. She failed to recall acquaintance with JEAN MORDETZKY nor could she state that she met MORDETZKY through JACK JUPITER at any of these parties. She explained these parties are held by her and her husband almost every season and many people arrive whom she has never met before; therefore, it would not be unusual for MORDETZKY to have attended this party without her knowledge. She stated that the party held in December, 1950 was at her former address, 6200 Verdun Avenue, Windsor Hills area of Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. KOLODZIEJSKI advises that the HOSES visited Europe in 1953. She recalls this date specifically because she and her husband, RICHARD KOLODZIEJSKI, took WILLIAM and DORIS HOSE to the International Airport, Los Angeles, in their car prior to their departure on this trip by air.

Mrs. KOLODZIEJSKI advised she has known WILLIAM and DORIS HOSE for about fifteen years; that WILLIAM HOSE originally lived in Long Beach, California where his father was a successful businessman. HOSE was described by her as a very successful chemist who is now engaged in manufacture and sale of vitamin products. She stated that Mrs. HOSE's maiden name was PRESTRIDGE.

REINTERVIEW OF JEAN MORDETZKY

On October 16, 1956 JEAN MORDETZKY, 1731 Elmcrest Avenue, La Verne, California, was reinterviewed by SA WHIDBEE. She identified a photograph of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE as familiar to her as a person she met at a New Year's Eve party in December, 1950 and engaged in conversation regarding KOVAL. She stated that after much reflection concerning this meeting that HOSE stated he had known KOVAL at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the latter part of World War II and knew a woman who had told him she had seen KOVAL in Europe. MORDETZKY stated that during this conversation HOSE promised to obtain KOVAL's address from this unknown woman and telephone her at a later date furnishing same. She is not positive but thinks possibly HOSE called her several weeks later and stated he had had no luck in contacting this unknown woman who knew KOVAL's European address.

MORDETZKY, in a previous interview, advised that KOVAL was acquainted with a zoology professor at Columbia University during the period 1947-1948. She stated that she does not recall the name of this zoology professor and doubts if she would recognize the name of this person if she heard it. She said that KOVAL, during their acquaintance, only mentioned this person once or twice and she had no reason to remember this person's name. Upon hearing the names of Columbia University faculty members of the Zoology Department during 1948, she stated that none of the names sounded familiar to her. With regard to MAX LEVITAN, a graduate student employed in the Zoology Department at Columbia University during 1948, MORDETZKY stated she vaguely recalled KOVAL mentioning someone named "MAX" but does not remember the extent of this association or whether this MAX is or was the zoology professor at Columbia University.

MORDETZKY advises that since her first interview regarding KOVAL, she recalls one other matter of possible interest concerning KOVAL. She said that during the summer of 1948 KOVAL told her that during his Army assignment in Ohio he had met and become very serious about a girl named "JAN". KOVAL described JAN to MORDETZKY as a student at Western Reserve University in Ohio whose father was a prominent businessman. KOVAL told MORDETZKY that he made frequent visits to see "JAN" and spent several weekends as guest of her family. KOVAL told MORDETZKY that he seriously considered marriage with JAN but changed his mind at the last minute and broke off this acquaintance. MORDETZKY could not furnish the surname of JAN nor the place where her family lived except she recalls JAN was from Ohio.

REINTERVIEW OF WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE

On October 29, 1956 WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE was reinterviewed by SA WHIDBEE at Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, California. HOSE advised that he and his wife, DORIS, have given considerable thought to this matter since first interviewed. He said they are positive they met no one during their trip to Europe in 1953 who could have been KOVAL. He recalled attending a New Year's Eve party held in December, 1950 at the residence of KATIE KOLODZIEJSKI but positively recalled no conversation at this party with JEAN FINKELSTEIN or JEAN MORDETZKY. He stated he does not recall meeting anyone named JACK JUPITER. He said he is positive he does not recall promising to furnish KOVAL's address to FINKELSTEIN nor admitting an acquaintance with a woman who allegedly knew KOVAL. He said further that he is certain he would not have agreed to obtain KOVAL's European address from a third party for FINKELSTEIN in that he would not have felt obligated to do such for a person he had just met. HOSE stated that MORDETZKY might have obtained his business card at this party because as a general rule he distributes these cards freely at such parties offering discounts on the purchase of vitamins.

HOSE advised he is positive he did not know KOVAL at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the period 1945-1946 for he had no contact with any Army personnel there. He advised he was employed as a civilian in personnel procurement under the supervision of JOHN MAROON, a former personnel executive at Ford Motor Company at Detroit, Michigan. He said there were at least ten other persons employed in the same capacity as himself. His assignments involved surveys for potential technicians at colleges and universities in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina for eventual employment in the Manhattan Project. In this connection HOSE repeated that he spent less than three days each month at Oak Ridge, Tennessee and had little or no contact with service personnel attached to the Manhattan Project.

HOSE admitted he had never attended Basel University in Switzerland. He said he does not recall how this rumor began and admits that he possibly started it himself. He said he now finds it difficult to deny since this educational background lends a great deal of credence to him in his business as a chemist. He stated further he had never traveled to Europe or left the United States until 1953 when he and his wife visited Europe for about three months. He advised that his wife traveled on a separate

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passport which she applied for and obtained at Los Angeles on December 16, 1952 under the name DORIS HILDA PRESTRIDGE HOSE, born April 30, 1924 at Franklin, Texas. He stated that during their trip to Europe in 1953 they visited England, Ireland, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Belgium.

HOSE added that he was more than willing to be of assistance to the FBI in this matter and if he had known KOVAL at any time, either at Oak Ridge or in Europe, he would have no reason to deny this acquaintance. HOSE stated that he has never had any connection with a Soviet establishment or officials of the Soviet government nor has he had any connection with Soviet satellite countries or their officials. He stated that if he were approached by such representatives and felt that information gained by such approach would be of value to the United States Government, he would voluntarily furnish this information to the FBI or other proper Government agencies.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office in explanation, furnished by HOSE, of discrepancies pointed out in connection with passport number 762642 issued to WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, 12/23/52, and previous information from HOSE indicating prior foreign residence at Basel University, Switzerland.

By letter dated 7/19/56 New York furnished a list of professors, associate professors, and graduate students employed in the Zoology Department, Columbia University, New York, during 1948, which were read to JEAN MORDETZKY on 10/16/56 in an attempt to identify an alleged acquaintance with KOVAL in the Zoology Department of the university in 1948.

In regard to "JAN" mentioned by JEAN MORDETZKY as a former acquaintance of KOVAL at Ohio during the period when KOVAL was serving in the U. S. Army, it is noted that the report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, dated 5/25/56 at New York, page 10, reflects that an interview with IRVING WEISMAN on 5/25/55 by agents of the New York Office reflected that WEISMAN stated that KOVAL had mentioned a girl he dated during his tour of duty at Dayton, Ohio, and described that girl as someone KOVAL had almost married. This report also reflects that Mrs. EDITH C. FISHER, Dayton, Ohio, when interviewed on 4/18/56, advised that her daughter, JANET, knew KOVAL during 1945 and stated that JANET is now married to HENRY J. BOWKER and was then residing with her husband in France. It is probable that the "JAN" referred to by MORDETZKY is identical with this JANET FISHER.

In regard to current interviews of JEAN MORDETZKY and WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, these interviews have been conducted in an attempt to ascertain whether HOSE was acquainted with KOVAL as alleged by MORDETZKY. It is noted MORDETZKY stated she met HOSE at a New Year's Eve party in December, 1950 and HOSE, in conversation, admitted knowledge of KOVAL at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during World War II and that KOVAL was recently known to be in Europe. Both MORDETZKY and HOSE readily admit in separate interviews that this party in December, 1950 was one at which all guests became extremely intoxicated and even though MORDETZKY claims this conversation did occur, she admits she was in less than normal presence of mind and could have made errors in the

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original statements regarding KOVAL and HOSE. HOSE admits he would not attempt to recall chance conversations at an event which occurred six years ago under the intoxicated condition which he might have been. HOSE has, on each contact, been openly cooperative and appeared to be sincerely interested in clarifying this matter. It is reasonably apparent that further interviews with either MORDETZKY or HOSE concerning this alleged conversation regarding KOVAL will elicit no further information not already obtained; therefore, Los Angeles contemplates no further contact with HOSE or MORDETZKY regarding this alleged conversation.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City, New York: Will attempt to locate and interview MAX LEVITAN, a graduate student employed in the Zoology Department, Columbia University, in 1948 and ascertain whether he was acquainted with GEORGE KOVAL during 1948, it being noted that MORDETZKY vaguely recalls KOVAL mentioning an acquaintance named "MAX".

REFERENCES

Report of SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE, 8/29/56, Los Angeles.  
Washington Field Office letter to Director, 9/26/56.  
New York letter to Director, 7/19/56.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <b>CHARLES W. KELLY</b>	Typed By: <b>azm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

Synopsis:

Major ABRAHAM B. COHEN (retired), Key Largo, Fla., advised he was instructor in ASTU at CCNY from 1943 to 3/44, when he retired from Army. Stated subject unknown to him and subject's photograph not familiar. Stated all subsequent assignments of ASTP students would have been made by Commanding Officer of Units, Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK.

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DETAILS    AT KEY LARGO, FLORIDA:

On October 10, 1956, Major ABRAHAM C. COHEN (Retired), advised that he was an instructor in the Army Specialized Training Unit, at City College, New York, from 1943 until March, 1944, when he retired from the Army.

Mr. COHEN stated that the subject was unknown to him and that the subject's photograph did not appear familiar to him. Mr. COHEN made a search of all records which he had maintained, pertaining to the time he was assigned at City

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College, New York, and he was unable to locate a record reflecting the subject's name.

Mr. COHEN stated that during the time he was an instructor in the Army Specialized Training Program at City College, New York, he was never asked for, and never gave, any recommendation regarding the subsequent assignment of ASTP students. He stated that insofar as he can recall, all of the recommendations for subsequent assignments would have been made by Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, who was the Commanding Officer of the Army Specialized Training Unit at City College, New York, during his period of assignment at this institution.

Mr. COHEN stated that he did not know if it would have been possible for an individual, prior to his army service, to know that his selection into ASTP would result in any particular assignment.

It should be noted that Mr. COHEN's wife has advised that Mr. COHEN suffered a severe stroke approximately eight years ago, which has resulted in slight impairment to his memory.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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OO: New York

Re Knoxville letter dated 10/4/56, reporting that subject's MED file had been forwarded to Mr. C. A. PALAZZOLO, AEC, on 11/23/54, and requesting this file be reviewed.

In connection with this lead, it is noted that the New York Office, by letter dated 8/2/56, originally requested that this file and any other available MED records pertinent to subject's assignment with MED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio, be reviewed in an attempt to develop in detail all information relating to the exact nature of subject's duties at Oak Ridge and Dayton including his leave and travel records. It was also stated that emphasis should be given to ascertain whether or not MED conducted a "clearance investigation" of the subject.

On 10/16/56, through the cooperation of Mr. PALAZZOLO subject's MED file as maintained by AEC was reviewed by SA CHARLES A. HAY. At that time PALAZZOLO advised Agent HAY that some material concerning MED employees is in dead storage at Oak Ridge, and that he would have to communicate with Oak Ridge to determine if any additional information concerning subject was available.

The only information subject's MED file contains concerning his employment is that set forth on a MED Personal History Statement dated 3/10/45, which shows the office of employment as Clinton Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and his position as Health, Physics Department, Development Group. There is no record in the file as to his leave or travel.

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Concerning a "clearance investigation," the file does not reflect that there was any active investigation of subject. The file does contain an undated Personnel Security Questionnaire possibly executed at the time subject entered the Army. On the questionnaire and beside his listed education at the University of Iowa, his employment at the Raven Electric Company and references, i.e., **TILLIE SILVER**, 3451 Clegg Place, Bronx, New York, and Dr. **HARRY HANSTEIN**, COME, there appeared red check marks indicating that these sources had been contacted concerning subject. This is borne out by the fact that the file contains form letters dated 8/3/44, directed to the University of Iowa, **SILVER** and **HANSTEIN** by the District Intelligence Officer, Army Service Forces, U.S. Engineering Office, Manhattan District, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. These forms contain provisions on the reverse side for a reply.

The reply from the University of Iowa which was dated 8/10/44, and signed by **HARRY G. BARTER**, Registrar, confirmed subject's attendance at the University from September, 1929, - June, 1932, but stated he did not graduate. It was further stated "we regret that we have no personal knowledge of this student."

The reply from **SILVER** was dated 8/10/44, and in it she indicated she had known subject approximately three years, was "just a friend," and that she knew nothing reflecting on his character or reputation. **HANSTEIN's** reply was dated 8/3/44, and in it he indicated he had known subject for 12 years subject having been in several of his, **HANSTEIN's**, "upper electrical engineering ACT classes," that subject had impressed him very favorably in all respects and that subject's "personality and character are above reproach." A reply from the Raven Electric Company was noted in the file.

On 11/15/56, **PALAZZOLO** advised that the additional search of Oak Ridge records concerning subject had been negative. RUC.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>jen</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	<b>b7C</b>

**SYNOPSIS:**

Identities of USA officers assigned Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), CCNY, 1943-1944 set forth. Lieutenant Colonel NEWMAN described subject's name and photograph as totally unfamiliar and stated information pertaining to method of recruitment and assignment into and from ASTP unrecalled. Captain CHRISTOPHER MICHEL was described as Adjutant Officer, ASTP, and as most logical source of information relating to assignment to and from ASTP group. Captain WILLIAM C. COOKE stated that his connection with ASTP group, CCNY, was limited; that he was not aware that any of the ASTP classes had been assigned to atomic installations. Results of record checks for subject at International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' and American Institute of Electrical Engineering set forth.

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DETAILS:

Regarding United States Army Staff Officers,  
Army Specialized Training Program,  
College of the City of New York,  
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The following information concerning United States Army (USA) staff officers assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) during the period of 1943 - 1944 was obtained on September 18, 1956 from records of the Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, Pentagon Building, by SE WILLIAM H. QUINLAN, JR.:

Captain ALBERT E. CAMPION, O-276272.

Examination of Army 201 file showed Captain CAMPION assigned to STAR Center Service Unit (SCSU) at CCNY from December 10, 1943, to June 20, 1944. Latest available address, shown as of March 5, 1956, was Lt. Col. ALBERT E. CAMPION, Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, No. 5 Alexander Place, Baldwin, Long Island, New York.

Major FRANK CHRISTIAN, O-011542.

Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned to duty at CCNY from April 25, 1944, to September 1, 1944. Latest available address, shown as of September 7, 1955, was FRANK CHRISTIAN, Major, Infantry, U.S. Army Retired, R.D. #1, Main Road, Silver Creek, New York.

Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, O-007792.

Examination of Army 201 file showed COOK assigned duty at CCNY from January 4, 1943, to August 31, 1944. As of May 3, 1954, latest address available was Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, Infantry, Retired, 640 Riverside Drive, New York City.



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Captain WILLIAM C. COOKE, O-480012.

Examination of Army 201 file showed COOKE assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 1, 1943, to April 22, 1944; also from August 22, 1944, to September 11, 1944. Latest available address, as of November 18, 1953, was Major WILLIAM C. COOKE, MPC, U.S. Army Reserve, 25 Tudor City Place, New York City.

Captain BERNARD F. CURRY, O-422654.

Examination of Army 201 file showed CURRY assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 20, 1943, to February 13, 1944. Latest available address, as of January 28, 1954, was Major BERNARD F. CURRY, Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, 150 Greenway Terrace, Forest Hills, New York.

Captain EMIL FICHTER, O-184078.

Examination of Army 201 file showed FICHTER assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 1, 1943, to November 13, 1944. Latest available address shown was Major EMIL FICHTER, Infantry, U.S. Army Hon. Reserve, 425 Crosby Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

Major ALBERT J. LATTERMAN, O-134694.

Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned December 28, 1943, to April 26, 1944, at SCSU, CCNY. Latest available address as of June 28, 1956, was Lt. Col. ALBERT J. LATTERMAN, Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, 43-31 Ithaca Street, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York.

Captain CHRISTOPHER MICHEL, O-344206.

Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned from July 1, 1942, to May 9, 1944, to Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and SCSU at CCNY. The latest available

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address shown was CHRISTOPHER MICHEL, Lt. Col., Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, 300 Reata Street, Salinas, California.

Major CHARLES S. RICHARDS, O-170645.

Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned from April 26, 1943, to June 22, 1944, to the SCSU at CCNY. His latest available address, as of February 12, 1954, was Lt. Col. CHARLES S. RICHARDS, M.P., U.S. Army, Retired, 7040 Harvey Avenue, Pennsauken, New Jersey.

Lieutenant Colonel JACOB UITZ, O-1111401.

Examination of Army 201 file disclosed JACOB M. UITZ was born December 6, 1912, in Austria-Hungary. During the period March 4, 1943, to June 30, 1944, he was assigned to Company A and Company B, 101st Engineering Battalion. During the period of July 9, 1944, to December 31, 1944, he was assigned to the ASF Regional Hospital, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The latest available address, as of November 6, 1952, was shown as JACOB UITZ, Captain, C.E. Honorary Reserve, 2115 Dayton Street, Chicago 14, Illinois.

The files of the New York Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as reviewed on October 3, 1956, by SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., for each of the above mentioned individuals failed to disclose subversive information that could be determined identifiable with them on the basis of presently known background information.

Regarding Lieutenant Colonel JACOB UITZ, it is noted that he was listed as a reference by the subject in a questionnaire executed by the latter during 1944 for the Manhattan Engineering District.

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Interviews with former U.S. Army Staff Officers,  
Army Specialized Training Program,  
College of the City of New York,  
1943-1944

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Lieutenant Colonel THEODORE C. NEWMAN (Retired)  
43-60 168th Street  
Flushing, Long Island, New York

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Mr. NEWMAN was interviewed by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on October 5, 1956, and advised as follows:

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He was assigned to the 1218th STAR Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit (SU, ASTU), at CCNY from approximately July, 1943, to April, 1945, at which time his rank was Lieutenant Colonel. The commanding officer of the ASTU at CCNY during the period of his assignment thereat was Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK. Captain CHRISTOPHER MICHEL was the Adjutant Officer and is recalled as having had direct responsibility for the discharge of assignments and transfers of ASTU trainees.

It was pointed out that the ASTU was a general unit designation which included the ASTP and ROTC training groups. The ASTU program consisted of approximately 5,000 trainees of which approximately 250 were assigned to the ASTP. The ASTP training was primarily restricted to academic studies in technical subjects, as a result of which there was little contact between the trainees and the staff officers.

The subject's photograph and name were described as "totally unfamiliar."

Information pertaining to the method of recruitment and assignment into and from the ASTP was unrecalled. Captain MICHEL, previously described as Adjutant Officer of the ASTU, was suggested as the most logical source of information relating to assignments

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and transfers to and from the ASTP group. An officer, whose surname is recalled as BROWN and who prior to World War II was an attorney in an unrecalled city in northern New Jersey, is recalled to have been the Intelligence Officer at CCNY and might possibly be in a position to recall pertinent information relating to the assignment of the subject's ASTP class to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944.

The following individuals were also recommended as potential sources of information concerning the ASTP at CCNY, since they were assigned as non-commissioned officers to the Adjutant's Office:

CHARLES WERNER,  
last known to be residing at:  
38 Knox Place  
Bronx, New York

EPHRAIM MICHOELSEN  
1074 Walton Avenue  
Bronx, New York

Appropriate current telephone directories were reviewed for the individuals mentioned above on October 6, 1956, by SA [redacted], and disclosed a telephone listing for one CHARLES WERNER, 3414 Knox Place, Bronx, New York.

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Captain WILLIAM C. COOKE (Retired)  
25 Tudor City Place  
New York City

WILLIAM C. COOKE was interviewed on November 1, 1956, by SA [redacted], and advised the following:

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He was assigned to the Instructional Staff of the ASTU at CCNY from approximately November, 1943, through September, 1944, at which time his rank was Captain. His main duty with the ASTU was to drill the ROTC segment of that unit. His recalled connection with the ASTP group was limited inasmuch as their training was primarily academic. The ASTP is recalled as having "ended abruptly" before its scheduled completion and that assignments of the ASTP from CCNY were extremely secretive. He was not aware that any of the ASTP classes had been assigned to an atomic installation, but in retrospect considered such an assignment logical in view of their highly technical training.

The subject's photograph was described as "vaguely familiar," but the subject's name was unrecalled.

The possibility that a member of the ASTP could have had some prior knowledge of his assignment from CCNY was considered "inconceivable." The possibility that an individual's selection into the ASTP was the result of a preconceived plan was described as "impossible unless that individual had some extremely high-level contact in the U.S. Army or U.S. Government."

Several names of former officers of the ASTU at CCNY were submitted, each of whom have been previously mentioned herein. Current addresses for those former officers were unknown.

FRED SIMPSON CANTER  
99-21 67th Road  
Forest Hills, Long Island, New York

JOHN MUSCATELL, Superintendent, 99-21 67th Road, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York, advised SA [redacted], on October 25, 1956, that FRED SIMPSON CANTER rented an apartment at that address during the approximate period of 1946 to 1950. MUSCATELL, who could not recall CANTER's employment or change of address, suggested contact with the apartment management office known as the

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Dwelling Managers, Incorporated, 340 West 58th Street,  
New York City.

Mrs. BEATRICE SUGARMAN, Secretary, Dwelling  
Managers, Incorporated, New York City, advised SA  
[redacted], on October 30, 1956, that FRED  
and JEAN CANTER terminated their residence at Apartment 7D,  
99-21 67th Road, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York, on  
September 29, 1950. FRED CANTER listed 69-28 136th  
Street, Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York, as his new  
address.

It is to be noted that each of the above officers  
were identified as having been assigned to the ASTU,  
CCNY, 1943-1944, on the basis of information obtained from  
the records maintained at the Military Personnel Records  
Center, St. Louis, Missouri, on August 29, 1956, by SE  
JAMES W. ESTEP.

Inquiries at the International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers and the American Institute  
of Electrical Engineering.

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CHARLES HOFFMAN, Clerk, International Brotherhood  
of Electrical Workers, 130 East 25th Street, New York City,  
advised SA [redacted], on October 19, 1956,  
that GEORGE KOVAL was an active member of that union during  
the period March 14, 1941, through June 30, 1943, during  
which time he was employed with the Raven Electric Company,  
New York City. Additional background information was not  
available for KOVAL, inasmuch as he has been inactive in  
the union since 1943, which necessitated destruction of  
his union membership file.

Mrs. CLARA HOOK, Secretary, American Institute  
of Electrical Engineering, 33 West 39th Street, New York  
City, advised SA [redacted], on November 9, 1956,  
that GEORGE KOVAL, a senior student in the Electrical  
Engineering Department of CCNY, was a "student member" of

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that institute during the year 1948. Because his membership has been inactive since 1948, additional information concerning his background was not available. Mrs. HOOK advised that she caused a search of the records of the American Institutes of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, which failed to disclose a record for the surname KOVAL.

ENCLOSURE:      TO BUFFALO:

One (1) photograph of the subject taken during 1948.

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Inquiry was made at 640 Riverside Drive, New York City, on November 4, 1956, in an attempt to interview Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, reportedly the commanding officer of the ASTP at CCNY during 1943-1944. It was ascertained that Colonel COOK could be located at 45 Christopher Street, New York City.

ELAINE COOK, who identified herself as Colonel COOK's daughter, advised on November 5, 1956, that Colonel COOK was recuperating from a throat operation and would not be in condition to be interviewed until the latter part of November, 1956.

For the benefit of the Buffalo Office, which has not received a prior communication in this matter, the following brief summary of investigation conducted to date is noted:

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(S) Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Co., NYC, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet Agent [redacted]

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[redacted] During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "Unclassified" to "~~Top Secret~~." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS AMERICA," destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts was unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelaeu Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

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Information furnished by the GURSHTELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CCNY on 2/1/48.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At Baldwin, New York

Will, in accordance with instructions set forth herein relating to interviews with former officers assigned to the ASTP, CCNY, locate and interview Capt. ALBERT E. CAMPION, 5 Alexander Place, Baldwin, New York.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

X 1. Will attempt to locate and interview the following former US Army officers in an attempt to develop information relating to the circumstances of the subject's assignment from the ASTP at CCNY to the Special Engineering Detachment (SED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

- a. Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, 45 Christopher Street, New York City. ✓
- b. Captain BERNARD F. CURRY, 150 Greenway Terrace, Forest Hills, New York. ✓
- c. Major ALBERT J. LATTERMAN, 43-31 Ithaca Street, Elmhurst, Long Island. ✓
- d. CHARLES WERNER, 38 or 34-14 Knox Place, Bronx, New York. ✓
- e. EPHRAIM MICHOELSON, 1074 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York. ✓
- f. Lieutenant Colonel FRED CANTER, 69-28 136th Street, Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York. ✓

2. Will attempt to locate and interview MARVIN MARCUS, reportedly an associate of the subject during 1946-1948, whose last known address has been reported as 2160 Clinton Avenue, Bronx, New York. 7

BUFFALO, CHICAGO, NEWARK, SAN FRANCISCO (INFO.)

One copy of this report has been designated for the above offices inasmuch as those offices have been requested to conduct investigation concerning the subject.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [ ] dated  
9/28/56, at New York.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)(RM)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)  
SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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DATE: 11/28/56

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the  
report of SA [REDACTED], dated and captioned  
as above.

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As mentioned in the brief summary of investigation  
set forth in the administrative section of the attached  
report, the more recent investigation in this case has been  
directed at ascertaining whether or not the subject's  
assignment to the SED, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from the  
ASTP, CCNY, during 1944 was the result of a preconceived  
plan or coincidental. In that connection each of the offices  
to be indicated, with the exception of Chicago, will  
attempt to locate and interview the designated former US  
Army officers assigned to the ASTP, CCNY, to develop any  
information relevant to that question; provided office  
indices do not disclose information for them which would  
preclude an interview at this time.

In that regard it is noted that the possibility  
of a conspiracy between the subject and a member of the  
USA in some way connected with the ASTP should be considered  
in attempting to resolve the point in question.

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LETTER TO DIRECTOR

Re: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Concerning the above, Chicago will await advice of Bureau prior to conducting its designated interview.

The Bureau is requested to review Bureau indices concerning Lieutenant Colonel JACOB UITZ, whose known USA record and background information has been reported on page 4 of attached report. The above review is believed warranted prior to conducting an interview with UITZ, based upon his foreign birth; his apparent acquaintance with the subject; and his known military service with USA.

The Bureau is requested to furnish Chicago the results of the indices review.

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BUFFALO

Major FRANK CHRISTIAN, retired, last known on 9/7/55, to be residing: RD #1, Main Road, Silver Creek, New York.

CHICAGO

Lieutenant Colonel JACOB M. UITZ, last known on November 6, 1952, to be residing at 2115 Dayton Street, Chicago, Illinois. It is noted that UITZ was listed by the subject as a personal reference in a questionnaire executed by the subject during 1944 for the MED.

LETTER TO DIRECTOR

Re: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

UITZ, who based upon USA records was born 12/6/12 in Austria - Hungary, should be interviewed exhaustively re subject in consideration of his apparent acquaintance with the subject.

NEWARK

Captain EMIL FICHTER, last known (date not available) to be residing at 425 Crosby Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

Major CHARLES S. RICHARDS, last known on 2/12/54, to be residing at 7040 Harvey Avenue, Pennsauken, New Jersey.

SAN FRANCISCO

Captain CHRISTOPHER MICHEL, last known (exact date not available) to be residing at 300 Reata Street, Salinas, California. It is noted that MICHEL reportedly was the Adjutant Officer of the ASTP, CONY, and had direct responsibility for transfers to and assignments from the ASTP. If so he should be questioned regarding origin of ASTP assignment and transfer orders; any recalled explanation as to why subject's class was assigned to Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and whether or not faculty members of CCNY exerted any influence with respect to ASTP assignments.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PARIS, FRANCE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/5/56</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/23, 25/56</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div></div>	CH <div></div>
TITLE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Mrs. HENRY J. BOWKER, nee JANET FISHER, advised she knew subject socially during 1945, but her recollection of his background and activities is hazy. She could recall nothing derogatory concerning subject and has not seen him since 1945. She is unaware of his present whereabouts. JOHN BRADLEY, who roomed with subject in 1945, might be able to furnish additional information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lucy, 11 (Duck)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">65-16756-168</p>				
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November 5, 1956

GEORGE ROVAL

On October 25, 1956, Mrs. HENRY J. BOWKER, nee JANEY FISHER, was interviewed at the American Embassy, Paris, France.

Mrs. BOWKER readily admitted her acquaintance with subject and related that she worked with him at the Monsanto Company, Dayton, Ohio, during the summer of 1945.

During the period she knew subject, she went out with him socially six or seven times from June to September 1945. According to Mrs. BOWKER, subject never talked about himself and appeared to be very timid about his background and associates. She recalled that he was in the Army at the time he worked at Monsanto but was in civilian clothes most of the time. On one occasion she invited subject to her home in connection with a social affair, and her father and mother took a violent dislike to subject because he was so reticent about discussing his family.

At no time did subject discuss politics with Mrs. BOWKER, and she now thought that this was peculiar, since subject appeared to be a very serious and intelligent type of person. She could not recall anything derogatory about subject and claimed to know nothing about his involvement in any subversive activities.

Mrs. BOWKER stated that she has not been in contact with subject since the fall of 1945 and has not seen him since that time, nor has she any information as to subject's present whereabouts and activities. She suggested that one JOHN BRADLEY, who roomed with subject in 1945, might be able to supply some information. Although Mrs. BOWKER did not know BRADLEY's present whereabouts, she recalled that BRADLEY had married a Dayton girl and was probably still known at the Monsanto Company in Dayton.

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Mrs. HENRY J. BOWKER was interviewed by SA

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DISSEMINATION:

No dissemination locally since information contained herein is fragmentary in nature.

Extra copies of this report are enclosed for possible transmittal to New York (NY 65-16756).

LEADS:THE PARIS OFFICE:

Will report the results of French investigation at Grenoble, France, as indicated in the attachment to Paris letter dated 9/27/56.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated 10/17/56.

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Paris 8, France

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Date: December 4, 1956  
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)  
From: Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)  
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
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(S) Re Paris let 9/27/56.

[redacted] on 12/3/56 advised that no additional  
information could be obtained regarding the KOVAL to whom  
the USSR Consulate had addressed a letter in 1952 at  
Grenoble, France.

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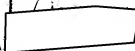
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: December 19, 1956

FROM : *JH* Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

The Security Branch, Division of Security,  
Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), advised on 12-14-56  
as follows:

"ORO (Oak Ridge) reply to ISB letter of  
November 15, 1956 reflects that two  
individuals not previously mentioned in  
FBI reports were in the Health Physics  
Department work group of subject,  
Hervey Paul Gauvin and Laurie Joe Deal,  
and might be able to furnish information  
concerning him.

"CPI indices reflect both currently hold  
'Q' clearances, as follows: Gauvin, WA-1923,  
'Q' granted March 17, 1949, terminated with  
Navy June 23, 1950, reaffirmed by Air Force  
September 22, 1950; Deal, 17848-WA-ID, 'Q'  
with WA March 8, 1948 active, 'Q' with ID  
June 20, 1950 active.

"Gauvin's PSQ executed June 6, 1950 reflected  
employment with Air Force Cambridge Research  
Laboratory, Cambridge, Massachusetts and  
residence at 68 Middle Street, Pawtucket,  
Rhode Island.

"Deal is presently employed with the Division  
of Biology and Medicine, Washington Headquarters."

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Date: December 14, 1956

Transmit the following message via AIR-TEL

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FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (65-2278)  
TO: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)  
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Reurlet 11/28/56.

On 12/10/56, Mrs. FRANK CHRISTIAN, Main Road, Silver Creek, N.Y., advised SA CHRISTOPHER W. NELSON that her husband, the former Major FRANK CHRISTIAN, died at Silver Creek on 11/8/56. She advised that she married Major CHRISTIAN in 1946 and was not familiar with him or any of his associates prior to the beginning of 1946.

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ReBulet, 12/19/56; WFOlet, 11/19/56; and  
San Francisco report, 11/23/56, captioned as above.

ReBulet reported information which  
disclosed that HERVEY PAUL GAUVIN and LAURIE JOE  
DEAL were co-workers of the subject during the latter's  
assignment in 1944 to the Health and Physics Department,  
Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge National  
Laboratory (ORNL), Oak Ridge, Tennessee. AEC records  
disclosed that GAUVIN was last known during June, 1950  
to be employed with Air Force Cambridge Research  
Laboratory, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a resident  
at 68 Middle Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. DEAL  
was described as presently employed with the "Division  
of Biology and Medicine, Washington Headquarters."

Rerep reported results of information  
furnished by SEYMOUR BLOCK, co-worker of subject at  
ORNL which identified subject's supervisor at Oak  
Ridge as RALPH FERMINAC and CARL GAMERTSFELDER as a  
co-worker.

ReWFOlet reported that information pertaining  
to MED employees at Oak Ridge is maintained in "dead  
storage" at the ORNL.

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Boston

Will attempt to locate and interview HERVEY  
PAUL GAUVIN concerning his recollection of subject's

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activities and duties at ORNL. Particular emphasis should be given to develop information indicating any unusual or significant activity of subject such as travel from base and contact with individuals not employed or otherwise connected with the MED.

Washington Field

1. Will attempt to locate and interview LAURIE JOE DEAL in accordance with instructions set forth for Boston.

2. Will contact G. A. PALAZZOLO, Security Branch, AEC, regarding last known whereabouts of RALPH FERMINAC and CARL GAMERTSFELDER reportedly co-workers of subject at MED, Oak Ridge, and set forth necessary leads to have them located and interviewed regarding the subject.

Knoxville

Will, at ORNL, attempt to cause search of MED personnel records in "dead storage" in an attempt to locate any information contained therein regarding the subject. Will review these records for all information relating to subject's duties and activities at Oak Ridge, including leave, travel, and identities of his visitors, if any.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>11/23/56</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/19,20/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>KEITH G. TEETER</b>	TYPED BY <b>gj</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

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SEYMOUR BLOCK re-interviewed 11/20/56. Advised he and Subject did different work in health physics at Oak Ridge and did not know what specific information Subject had access to. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BLOCK was told activity at Oak Ridge connected with atom bomb and presumed Subject given same information. Advised practically all health physics information classified and information regarding aspects of health physics would have been of assistance to Soviets. BLOCK advised Subject wrote report No. MDCC - 1503 at Oak Ridge. Records Technical Information Division, UCRL, Berkeley, reflect report dated 6/22/45; classified "~~Secret~~." Declassified 11/17/47.

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DETAILS:

AT LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

On November 7, 1955 SEYMOUR BLOCK, Physicist, Health Physics Group, Livermore Site, University of California Radiation Laboratory (UCRL), advised SA KEITH G. TEETER that he had formerly been a professional associate of the Subject at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

On November 20, 1956 BLOCK was re-interviewed by SA TEETER. He advised that he and the Subject were both assigned to the Health Physics Group at Oak Ridge but they had separate duties and were not assigned to the same type of work. BLOCK stated that he was assigned to a monitoring group and worked in a chemistry laboratory while the Subject, he believed, worked on instrument research and development. For this reason BLOCK said he and Subject were not directly associated professionally and knew each other casually as members of the Health Physics Group which was quite large. BLOCK said the Subject was not a member of the group with which he associated socially and he did not believe that they had ever lived in the same barracks.

BLOCK said that because of the difference in their duties he had no idea as to what specific information the Subject had access to at Oak Ridge.

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[REDACTED] He said that the Subject probably knew that the activity at Oak Ridge was connected with the development of an atom bomb because he and other members of the group were so informed. He did not know that the Subject was also given this information but presumed that he would have received it as a member of the group. BLOCK also stated [REDACTED]

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BLOCK advised that while he was at Oak Ridge practically all information pertaining to health physics was classified but most of such information has since been declassified. [REDACTED]

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BLOCK recalled that after he left Oak Ridge and was employed at Brookhaven National Laboratory he had occasion to check library references concerning radiation contamination of the air. Upon doing this he discovered that the Subject, while at Oak Ridge, had written a report entitled "Determination of Particulate Air-Borne Long Lived Activity," which bore the number MDCC - 1503. BLOCK said his only record of the report was in his personal card index and he had only seen the report in the Brookhaven Library. He had no recollection of the date of the report or its classification.

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

On November 20, 1956 Mrs. MARGARET F. EDLUND, Technical Information Division, UCRL, advised SA TEETER that the above described report authored by the Subject

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Mrs. EDLUND advised that the Information Division has  
a copy of this report.

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It will be noted that in the Administrative Section of the report of SA KEITH G. TEETER dated 11/18/55 at San Francisco, appears information from BLOCK to the effect that Subject was acquainted at Oak Ridge with one JOHN BRADLEY, an employee of the Mounds Laboratory, Monsanto Chemical Company, Miamisburg, Ohio.

In the interview of BLOCK on 11/20/56 he advised that BRADLEY might know the nature and extent of the information to which Subject had access at Oak Ridge.

BLOCK further advised on 11/20/56 that it was his recollection that the Subject worked under the supervision of one RALPH FERMINAC at Oak Ridge and he recommended this individual as a person who might know the extent and nature of Subject's access at Oak Ridge. BLOCK advised that FERMINAC was still at Oak Ridge when he left there in 1946.

In the same connection, BLOCK also recalled the name of CARL GAMERTSFELDER at Oak Ridge. He said that both FERMINAC and the Subject worked under GAMERTSFELDER but he could not be positive if they were under his direction at the same time. He said that GAMERTSFELDER went to Hanford, Washington from Oak Ridge and had since left Hanford. He said he did not know his present whereabouts.

Desirability of interview of BRADLEY, FERMINAC and GAMERTSFELDER is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin inasmuch as San Francisco is not aware of all phases of this investigation.

REFERENCE

New York letter to San Francisco dated 9/28/56.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEWARK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>1/10/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/14, 17, 18/56; 1/3/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN JOSEPH REID, JR.</b>	TYPED BY <b>jdm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

**EMIL FICHTER**, former Captain, U. S. Army, assigned to ASTP, CCNY, advised on 1/3/57 that he did not know the subject.

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DETAILS:

**EMIL FICHTER**, 425 Crosby Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, was interviewed on January 3, 1957, by SA **JOHN JOSEPH REID, JR.** and advised the following:

He was assigned to the STAR Service Unit (SCSU) of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) from November, 1943, to November, 1944. His rank at that time was Captain and a Company Commander there. His duties were to give instruction in military tactics and regulations to the ASTP trainees. He added that ASTP was primarily concerned with academic training and technical studies. He stated that the Staff

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Officers had little contact with ASTP trainees.

FICHTER added that he was not aware of the method used in the assignment of ASTP trainees.

The subject's photograph and name were described by FICHTER as being unknown to him.

On December 18, 1956, Mrs. CHARLES H. RICHARDS of 7040 Harvey Avenue, Pennsauken, New Jersey, advised SA WILLIAM J. ANDRIS that she is the daughter-in-law of former Army officer, Major CHARLES S. RICHARDS, who is presently residing at 1431 South West 5th Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Enclosure: To Miami

One (1) Photograph of the subject taken during 1946.

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At Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Will, in accordance with instructions set forth in referenced communications, interview former Army Officer CHARLES S. RICHARDS, 1431 South West 5th Court, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

REFERENCE

New York letter to Director 11/28/56  
New York report of SA   
dated 11/28/56.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>1/11/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/8,9/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>ORVILLE M. KOLLEN</b>	TYPED BY <b>sy</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

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Major CHRISTOPHER MICHEL on 1/8,9/57 stated he was never Adjutant Officer of ASTP, City College of NY. MICHEL exhibited special orders dating from 4/24/42 to 4/26/44 reflecting that Major THEODORE C. NEWMAN was Adjutant during that period. MICHEL has no knowledge regarding origin of ASTP assignments and transfers.

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DETAILS

On January 8, 1957 CHRISTOPHER MICHEL, 1210 Claremont, Salinas, California, advised that he is presently employed as a Supervisor of Recreation at the California State Prison, Colodad, California. Mr. MICHEL advised that he had attained the rank of Major in the US Army during WW II and his serial number was 0-344205.

Mr. MICHEL stated that he was never the Adjutant Officer of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the City College, New York City. Mr. MICHEL stated that it was his recollection that THEODORE C. HERRMAN was the Adjutant. Mr. MICHEL advised that he would review pertinent Army papers in his possession so that he could furnish exact information concerning his assignments while stationed at CCNY with the US Army. He also advised that he might have special orders in his possession issued by Dr. HERRMAN as Adjutant of the ASTP at CCNY.

On January 9, 1957 Mr. MICHEL stated that a review of his Army papers reflected that he held the following positions while stationed at the City College, New York, New York:

1. Instructor Military Science, Reserve Officers Training Corps, August, 1940 to December, 1942.
2. Executive Officer, 1280th Service Command, Service Unit (SCSU), 8070, December, 1942 to November 29, 1943.
3. Plans and Training Officer, 3225th SCSU, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU) and Battalion Commander, Second Battalion, 3225th SCSU, ASTU, from November 29, 1943 to April 23, 1944 at which time he was transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland Army Ground Force Personnel Replacement Depot #1.

Mr. MICHEL exhibited a special order reflecting that the following Army Units were assigned to the City College during the period of MICHEL's assignment to the City College. The Units were designated as:



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The Army Service Forces, Second Service Command, Hq 3225th SCSU (ASTP), 3204th SCSU (STARS) and the 1280th SCSU (ROTC), Army Hall - The City College, New York 31, New York.

Mr. MICHEL exhibited special orders dating from April 24, 1942 to the date of his transfer April 26, 1944 reflecting that Major THEODORE C. NEWMAN was the Adjutant during this period for the various Units stationed at the City College.

Mr. MICHEL also exhibited a special order dated November 29, 1943 reflecting that Second Lt. SEWALL J. GRAHAM, SN 0-1845091, was as of that date Designated Assistant Adjutant at the City College.

Mr. MICHEL advised that the name GEORGE KOVAL is not familiar to him. Mr. MICHEL also advised that he had no direct responsibility for transfers and assignments to the ASTP Unit at the City College. Mr. MICHEL also advised that he could not recall any student or class of students having been assigned to Oak Ridge, Tennessee during his assignment to the City College.

Mr. MICHEL further advised that he could not recall any incident where the Faculty members had exhibited any influence with respect to ASTP assignments. He stated, however, that it was possible that if any such influence had been exerted it would have been necessary for the Faculty Members to exert this influence through the Adjutant. However, Mr. MICHEL again stated that he had no knowledge that Faculty Members had exerted any such influence.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT PLUMBING, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Will reinterview Lt. Col. ELMER C. NEWMAN (Det.), 43-60 - 100th Street, in view of the special orders in possession of CHRISTOPHER MICHEL reflecting that NEWMAN was the Adjutant at the City College. Will obtain from Mr. NEWMAN information concerning his responsibility for the discharge of assignments and transfers of ACPU Trainees.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED], 11/28/56, NY.  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 1/10/57

FROM :

SUBJECT: SAC, NEWARK (65-4478)

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DATE 07-15-2010 BY 60324UCBAW/DK/CMWGEORGE KOVAL  
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(OO: New York)

Re: Report of SA JOHN JOSEPH REID, JR. at Newark  
dated 1/10/57Miami is requested to interview CHARLES S. RICHARDS,  
1431 South West 5th Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as  
set forth in referenced report.Enclosed for the Miami Office are a copy of  
New York letter to Bureau dated 11/28/56 and one Photostat  
of the report of SA [redacted] dated 11/28/56  
at New York. RUC.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

January 24, 1957

SAC, CHICAGO (65-4049)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated November 28, 1956 at New York; New York letter to Director November 28, 1956, and Bureau letter to Chicago dated December 14, 1956, granting authority to contact Lieutenant Colonel JACOB M. UITZ, 2115 North Dayton, Chicago, Illinois.

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A review of the files of the Chicago Office failed to reflect any information pertaining to JACOB M. UITZ.

On December 27, 1956, a check of the Chicago Police Department records made by Investigative Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL and the Chicago Credit Bureau records made by Investigative Clerk JOHN J. GOLDEN failed to disclose any record of JACOB M. UITZ.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs PAUL M. GRIBER and JOHN F. GEMIS:

It was determined through Mrs. ROBERT GILLESPIE, 2113 North Dayton, on January 14, 1957, that the UITZ family no longer reside at 2115 North Dayton; however, this family still operates a tavern at 2100 North Halsted Street, Chicago.

On January 14, 1957, Mrs. J. (OLGA) UITZ, 2100 North Halsted Street, advised her son JACOB presently resides at 4014 North LaPorte Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

On January 14, 1957, JACOB M. UITZ, residence 4014 North LaPorte Avenue, employed as

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Estimator, Neilson Brothers Manufacturing Company, 2220 North Springfield Avenue, Chicago, was interviewed, at which time he furnished the following information:

He was born on December 6, 1912 in Hungary. He served as an officer in the United States Army under Serial Number 01111401 from 1942 to 1946, obtaining the highest rank of captain. He entered the United States Army in June of 1942 at Governor's Island, New York, and was attached to Company A and Company B, 101st Engineer Battalion, 26th Division, United States Army, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, in 1943. In January and February, 1944, he attended Field Officer's School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and the latter part of 1944 he was assigned to the Region Hospital at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and presently holds the rank of captain in the United States Army Reserve.

Upon observing a photograph of the subject, UITZ stated subject was unknown to him as was subject's name. A description of subject was furnished to Mr. UITZ, however, he was still unable to recall the subject. UITZ related that he did not attend the College of the City of New York or was he ever attached to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). UITZ added that he had attended New York University from 1939 to 1942; however, did not have any association with CCNY. UITZ related that BENJAMIN EASSEN and the Raven Electric Company were unknown to him.

UITZ advised that some of the members of the United States Army who had taken ASTP training at CCNY were members of his battalion at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina; however, he could not recall any of these individuals' names. He reiterated that he did not serve as a staff officer in the ASTP nor did he attain the rank of lieutenant colonel in the United States Army. UITZ said he did not know the procedures or assignments of personnel who trained under the ASTP Program other than these individuals were selected by the Divisional Personnel Section.

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The New York Office will consider the possibility of another individual named JACOB UETZ who was listed as reference by the subject for the Manhattan Engineering District in 1944.

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Reporting Office <b>MIAMI</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>2/6/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>1/29/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <b>JOSEPH H. ZIEGLER, JR.</b>	Typed By: <b>JHZ: azm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

**Synopsis:**

Major CHARLES S. RICHARDS (retired) unable to recall name or photograph of KOVAL. Major THEODORE C. NEWMAN, handled administrative work for Col. RAYMOND P. COOK who was in charge of A.S.T.P., C.C.N.Y. and handled all assignments of personnel. Capt. BROWN, was Judge Advocate and handled "Security." Does not recall any man being transferred to S.E.C., or policy concerning assignment.

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**DETAILS AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:**

On January 29, 1957, Major CHARLES S. RICHARDS (retired), [redacted] advised that he had been assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) in either 1943 or 1944, and had been transferred from that assignment to Long Island Medical College. He advised that when he was at CCNY Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK was the Commanding Officer and Major THEODORE C. NEWMAN was his Administrative Assistant. He also advised that Captain BROWN,

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whose first name he did not recall, but who was a lawyer from New York City, was the Security Officer. Major RICHARDS stated that all assignments from personnel from ASEP were handled by Major KIMMEL under the direct supervision of Colonel COOK and he believes that Captain DRAKE was consulted concerning assignments due to his position as Judge Advocate in Charge of Security.

Major RICHARDS stated that he was the senior Major at ASEP and held an executive position under Colonel COOK, but did not have any classes under his direct supervision. He advised that his primary function was the assigning of incoming personnel who were received from Governor's Island, and placing them in the various dormitories and classrooms to which they were assigned. Major RICHARDS advised that his position was "that of a glorified Top Sergeant" and that he did not have close contact with any of the personnel after they had received their original assignments in ASEP. He advised that he did not receive any copies of the assignment orders received by the men when they left the College and had no information as to where the men were assigned when they either finished their work or were dropped for various reasons.

Major RICHARDS also stated that he had no information as to how the men were selected for assignment at ASEP since all men reporting for specialized training reported directly to Governor's Island, from which point they were assigned to the various colleges who were part of the ASEP. He advised that the first information they would have concerning a man would be when he arrived at the College with his orders from Governor's Island.

Major RICHARDS examined the photograph of GEORGE ROVAL and advised that it was not familiar to him nor did the name of ROVAL mean anything to him. He stated that this was not unusual since there were approximately 3,000 men at ASEP while he was there and he would meet them on only one or two occasions during the entire time of their stay.

Major RICHARDS also advised that during the entire period of his assignment at CMZ, he did not recall of any class actually graduating nor could he recall any personnel being transferred to the Special Engineering Detachment (SED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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No leads are being set forth to interview Colonel RAYMOND F. COOK, Major THEODORE C. HELMAN, or Captain DROWN since leads have previously been set forth to interview Colonel COOK and report of SA WALTER C. GUNDELL, JR., dated November 28, 1956, at New York; set forth an interview with Lieutenant Colonel THEODORE C. HELMAN, who is probably identical with Major HELMAN.

REFERENCES

Report of SA JOHN JOSEPH REED, JR., 1/10/57, Newark.

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February 14, 1957

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GEORGE ROVAL  
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Re New York letter to the Bureau dated January 9, 1957. Relet, making reference to San Francisco report of November 23, 1956, noted such report set forth information furnished by SEYMOUR BLOCH, a co-worker of subject in previous employment at OTEL, identifying RALPH FERMIRAC as subject's supervisor at OTEL and CARL GEMERTSELDER as another co-worker. Relet in turn requested WFO contact C. A. PALAZZOLO, Security Branch, AEC, regarding last known whereabouts of FERMIRAC and GEMERTSELDER and set forth necessary leads to have them located and interviewed regarding the subject.

CLEMENT A. PALAZZOLO, Chief, Internal Security Branch, Division of Security, AEC, contacted February 1 and 11, 1957, re above matter, has advised that AEC Security Records show FERMIRAC's "Q" clearance to have been terminated February 29, 1953, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and his last known forwarding address as [redacted] Houston 25, Texas. PALAZZOLO has advised that records show CARL CHRISTIAN GEMERTSELDER to still have active "Q" clearance under cognizance of the AEC Lockland Area Office, Cincinnati, Ohio, and to be employed as an Engineer with the General Electric Nuclear Development Laboratories, AEP Department, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Accordingly, the Houston and Cincinnati offices are requested to make efforts to locate and interview FERMIRAC and GEMERTSELDER and aurog results.

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It is noted that the administrative section of the report of SA WALTER C. GUNNELL, Jr., at New York, September 28, 1956, set forth the following information for the benefit of the New Orleans and Miami Offices in connection with leads for such offices. Such background information is likewise repeated herein for the information and assistance of the Houston and Cincinnati Offices, which offices do not appear to have received previous correspondence in connection with instant matter.

(S) Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the NEC, NYC, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASKER, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet Agent known by the [redacted] b1 During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Hygiene Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "Unclassified" to "Top Secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS AMERICA," destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GUNNELL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendeliev Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

Information furnished by the GUNNELLS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAHAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

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Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that ROVAL is a native-born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CCNY on February 1, 1938.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)  
SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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ReWFOlet, 9/27/56.

Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, Commanding Officer, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASPU) at College of the City of New York (CCNY), advised on 2/26/57, that an Army officer recalled by him as Captain HAROLD BROWN, served as his intelligence officer with the ASPU, CCNY, during the approximate period 1943-1944. BROWN's present whereabouts unknown to COOK, who recalled BROWN as "former resident of NJ and a lawyer by profession". COOK was of the opinion that BROWN may be able to furnish info of value to instant investigation.

WFO will review appropriate records of adjutant's general's office, Department of the Army, Pentagon Building, in an attempt to ascertain the last known address for Captain HAROLD BROWN to facilitate an interview with him.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

Feb. 26, 1957

SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re New York letter to the Director, dated January 9, 1957.

On February 25, 1957, Mr. HERVEY PAUL GAUVIN, Physicist, Air Force Cambridge Research Center, 415 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts, was interviewed at his residence: [REDACTED] Road, West Acton, Massachusetts, by SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR. Mr. GAUVIN stated that he was employed as a Physicist in the Health and Physics Department, Manhattan Engineering District, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee from 1944 to 1946. He recalled that GEORGE KOVAL worked in the same Department and knew him as a fellow worker in the Health and Physics Department. Mr. GAUVIN stated that he did not know of any unusual or significant activity of the Subject, such as unusual travel from the Base or contacts with individuals not employed or otherwise connected with the Manhattan Engineering District.

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Mr. GAUVIN recalled that he and KOVAL on one occasion visited the home of one Sergeant (TNU) WALTERS at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1944 or 1945. He stated that Sergeant WALTERS' parents resided in Louisville and that he and KOVAL and another individual whose name he could not recall visited the WALTERS' home in Louisville just to get away from the Oak Ridge Base for a week end. He stated this was the only social contact that he could recall having with KOVAL and his other contacts with KOVAL were strictly of a professional nature when both were members of the U.S. Army assigned to Oak Ridge. Mr. GAUVIN was unable to furnish the identity of any additional contacts or associates of KOVAL.

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Regarding George Koval

(S) Investigation concerning George Koval has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York City, owned by Benjamin W. Lassen, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet Agent known by the [redacted] During the period August 15, 1944 - January, 1946, while a member of the United States Army, Koval was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to information that could have varied from "Classified" to "Top Secret." b1

In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "Commissioned Representative," Koval was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. No record of employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, could be located for Koval.

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Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

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Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa reflects that Koval is a native born United States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at College of the City of New York (CCNY) on February 1, 1948.

Koval's apparent involvement in Soviet espionage, the exact nature of which is unknown, in all probability was connected with Soviet Military Intelligence operations, with which Igor Gouzenko was familiar until 1946.

In view of the above, and since Koval might possibly have travelled from Russia to the United States via Canada, he may be known to Gouzenko, who should be interviewed concerning the subject. The interview with Gouzenko should include display of subject's photograph and his appraisal of subject's known description which is as follows:

Name	George Koval
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6 feet
Weight	170-175 pounds
Hair	Black - dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium - dark
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
Distinguishing Features	Wears glasses; acne condition on face.

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GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re Knoxville letter 2/1/57 captioned as above.

Transmitted herewith are 5 copies of the report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, dated and captioned as above.

The most recent investigation in this case has been directed at 2 purposes, namely, to establish whether or not the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio, (1944-1945) was the result of a preconceived plan, or coincidence, and to identify individuals who may have been involved with the subject in Soviet Espionage activity. The investigation to date, in substance, has resulted negatively with regard to the above objectives.

In addition to completing investigation presently pending to locate and interview US Army officers, assigned to the ASTP, CCNY, during the period of the subject's assignment to that training unit, the following investigation should be conducted prior to closing this case.

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Relet reported statements made by CHARLTON C. MC SWAIN, Security Division, USAEC, Oak Ridge, regarding the infeasibility of identifying visitors the subject may have had during his tour of duty at Oak Ridge, (8/15/44-6/25/45). MC SWAIN noted that copies of passes issued to visitors are filed by visitors names rather than the person visited, and are so voluminous that a search to identify visitors the subject made have had would be "all but impossible".

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Knoxville will recontact MC SWAIN regarding the following:

1. Review above mentioned visitor records for the name WILLIAM A. ROSE, former employee of the Raven Electric Company, NYC, and WILLIAM RUSSEL ROSE, former employee of the AEC at Oak Ridge, from January, 1945 to January, 1946, both of whom, according to previous investigation, may have possibly contacted the subject at Oak Ridge. ROSE has been described by a former girlfriend of the subject as having stated he was in contact with the subject at Oak Ridge, during the latter part of World War II. ROSE has emphatically denied on two occasions of having known KOVAL.

2. Determine if visitor records are filed in chronological order or by dates, and if so, consider feasibility of reviewing or spot checking records during the period of subject's tour of duty at Oak Ridge, 8/15/44 - 6/25/45.

The above lead is believed significant in that it affords an opportunity to identify possible contacts of the subject during his assignment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

#### CINCINNATI

Contact security officer, AEC Area Office, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, (former site of MED, Dayton Area, Ohio), and attempt to identify visitors subject may have had during his tour of duty with the MED at Dayton, 6/25/45 - January, 1946. Also review visitor records for names of WILLIAM A. ROSE and WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE.

#### BOSTON

Will verify reported date<sup>of</sup>/birth of WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 11/19/18.

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Will conduct appropriate agency checks to develop background information regarding ROSE in an attempt to verify information previously furnished by ROSE to this Bureau.

WASHINGTON FIELD

1. Will at the Passport Office, Department of State, ascertain status of subject's citizenship in view of his apparent residence in Russia and his absence from the US since 1948. Also ascertain if evidence of subject's residence in Russia would be sufficient to effect his denaturalization.

2. Will recontact G. A. PALAZZOLO, AEC, regarding the identity of the investigative agency which conducted the "clearance investigation" concerning the subject. It is noted that WFOlet 11/19/56 in this case reported results of initial contact at the AEC which disclosed that the subject's references had been contacted concerning the subject during August, 1944, which was just prior to his assignment with the MED at Oak Ridge. Based upon the subject's known assignments with the MED, it appears that he would have been investigated to a greater extent than the presently known information indicates. Inasmuch as the majority of the background information that the subject listed for the MED was fictitious, it is significant to locate a record of his original clearance investigation, if any.

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Will consider the advisability of conducting the following investigation:

Through its liaison representative at Ottawa, Canada, request [ ] to interview IGOR GOUZENKO, Soviet defector regarding the subject. It is noted that the subject's apparent connection with Soviet Espionage activity in all probability was controlled by Soviet Military Intelligence, with which GOUZENKO was familiar until 1946. To facilitate coverage of lead to interview GOUZENKO, five copies of a blind memorandum are being furnished the Bureau as enclosures to this report. The Bureau is in possession of a photograph of the subject.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>3/11/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/18, 19, 27/56; 1/4, 7-10, 14, 18; 2/5, 26, 27/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER C. GUTHRIE</b>	TYPED BY <b>atz</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

## SYNOPSIS:

Colonel **RAYMOND P. COOK** stated he was Commanding Officer, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), College of City of New York (CCNY), 1942 - August, 1944; described Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), as consisting of 350 - 400 trainees and segment of ASTU; described subject's name and photograph as "unknown". Believed subject's assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from ASTP, CCNY, could have possibly been result of preconceived plan. **JACOB M. UITS** stated he was officer in US Army from 1942 - 1946; described subject's name and photograph as "unknown". **ALBERT LATTERMANN** and **BERNARD F. CURRY**, former officers, US Army, stated assigned to ASTU, CCNY. Both **LATTERMANN** and **CURRY** had no recollection regarding ASTP Unit of ASTU, CCNY.

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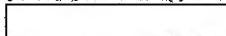
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DETAILS:

Interviews with former United States Army Staff Officers, Army Specialized Training Unit, College of <sup>the</sup> City of New York, 1943 - 1944.

Colonel RAMOND P. COOK,  
United States Army, Retired,



New York City, New York

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Colonel COOK was interviewed on December 19, 1956, by SAS WALTER C. GUTHEIL and DANIEL A. FLYNN, and recontacted on February 26, 1957, by SA GUTHEIL and advised as follows:

He was assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU) at the College of <sup>the</sup> City of New York (CCNY), New York City, during the approximate period of 1942 through August, 1944. He retired from military service in August, 1944, because of a throat affliction.

A photograph of the subject taken during 1948 and the subject's name were described as "unknown" by COOK.

Regarding subject's assignment from the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), CCNY, to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Colonel COOK commented as follows:

The ASTP was a segment of the United States Army training program at CCNY, known as the "ASTU". The ASTP consisted of approximately 350 to 400 trainees who were selected at basic training centers on the basis of aptitude tests and previous education. For advanced technical training. The ASTP training at CCNY was terminated abruptly during August, 1944.

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which happened to be concurrent with the time of Colonel COOK's "medical retirement" from the United States Army. The orders relating to ASTP assignments from CCNY were received at the Second Army Headquarters, 90 Church Street, New York City. Because his retirement from the United States Army occurred at the same time as the termination of the ASTP at CCNY, Colonel COOK was unable to furnish any information regarding the nature or disposition of ASTP assignments from CCNY.

Regarding subject's assignment to the ORNL, Colonel COOK stated that the assignment could have possibly been the result of a preconceived plan if the subject had colluded with a faculty member of the CCNY or a "highly placed" member of the Armed Forces. In explanation, Colonel COOK stated that to his recollection "a goodly number" of the faculty members of CCNY during and prior to 1944 performed some assignment in connection with the MED. He described as conceivable that the subject's acceptance into the ASTP and subsequent assignment from that program to the ORNL could have resulted from the influence of a "well informed member of the faculty at CCNY". Colonel COOK was unable to recall any CCNY faculty members whose recalled activities at CCNY would suggest the possibility of their involvement with the subject in Soviet Espionage.

COOK suggested contact with the following individuals whom he described as possibly being able to furnish information regarding the ASTP, CCNY:

Captain HAROLD BROWN, United States Army Reserve, (USAR) Intelligence Officer, ASTP, 1942-1944; former resident of New Jersey and a lawyer by profession.

(FNU) BROPHY, former Dean of Men, CCNY, during the approximate period of 1943-1944; believed to be a current resident of New York City.

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Captain JACOB M. UITZ,  
USAR, 4014 North La Porte Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois

JACOB M. UITZ was interviewed on January 14, 1957, by SAS PAUL M. GRIBER and JOHN F. GENNIS and advised as follows:

He was born December 6, 1912, in Hungary. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946. He entered the United States Army during June, 1942, at Governor's Island, New York, and was attached to Company A and Company B, 101st Engineers Battalion, 26th Division, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he remained until January, 1944. His subsequent service was at the Region Hospital, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He presently has a rank of Captain in the USAR.

Upon being apprised of the subject's name, and known descriptive data, and upon observing a photograph of the subject taken during 1948, he described GEORGE KOVAL as "unknown" to him. UITZ stated that he did not attend CCNY and was not assigned to the ASTP or ASTU during his Army service.

UITZ recalled that some of the members of the United States Army who had taken ASTP training at CCNY, whose names he could not presently recall, had been members of his battalion at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Concerning the above, it is noted that in a questionnaire executed during 1944, MED, ORNL, the subject listed "Lieutenant JACOB UITZ, 1000 1st, Engineers APO 26" as a reference.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on May 8, 1955, which disclosed that the subject was assigned to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for his United States Army basic training during 1943.

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Major ALBERT J. LATTERMAN  
USAR, [redacted] Street,  
Elmhurst, Long Island, New York

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ALBERT J. LATTERMAN was interviewed on January 10, 1957, by SA GUTHRIE and advised as follows:

He was assigned to the ASTU, CCNY, with the rank of Major for approximately three months during 1944. To the best of his recollection he had no connection with the ASTP Unit of the ASTU and could recall no information concerning that training unit. His duty at CCNY was primarily restricted to drilling and instructing ROTC trainees, which group had no connection with the ASTP.

The photograph of the subject taken during 1948 and the name GEORGE KOVAL were described as "unknown."

Captain BERNARD F. CURRY  
USAR, [redacted] Terrace,  
Forest Hills, New York

BERNARD F. CURRY was interviewed on February 5, 1957, by SA GUTHRIE and advised as follows:

He was assigned to the ASTU, CCNY, with the rank of Captain for approximately a three month period during the early part of 1944. His duty at CCNY was with the "Instructional Staff" of the ASTU and to his recollection he had no contact with the ASTP. The subject's name and photograph were described as "unknown."

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Regarding EPHRAIM MICHOLSON

THEODORE C. NEWMAN, [redacted] Street, Long Island, New York, Lieutenant Colonel, USAR, assigned to the ASTP, GCONY, 1943-1944, when interviewed on October 5, 1956, by SA GUTHEIL, identified EPHRAIM MICHOLSON, [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York, as a former non-commissioned officer who was assigned to the Adjutant's Office at GCONY, during the approximate period of 1943-1945.

Mrs. ELAINE MICHOLSON, [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA GUTHEIL on December 27, 1956, that her husband EPHRAIM has been deceased since February, 1954. She stated her deceased husband served with the United States Army during World War II, and believed he had been stationed at GCONY.

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Regarding Major FRED S. CANTER, USAR

JOHN COPNALL, Manager of the apartment house at [redacted] Street, Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York, advised SA GUTHEIL on January 18, 1957, that FRED S. CANTER and family resided in apartment [redacted] at that address until January 31, 1954. COPNALL who was unable to locate a forwarding address for CANTER, advised that CANTER, as of 1953, listed his employment as

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sales manager, L. Buchman and Company, Incorporated, 100 Sutton Street, Brooklyn, New York, since 1947.

Concerning FRED S. CANTER the following is noted:

Records of the Organizational Rosters of the ASTU at CCNY filed at the United States Army Records Center at St. Louis, Missouri, and reviewed by SE JAMES W. ESTEP on August 29, 1956, disclosed that Major FRED S. CANTER, a resident of Long Island, New York, during 1947, was assigned to the ASTP, CCNY, during the period of 1943-1944.

Regarding MARVIN MARCUS

HELEN NOACH, Alumni Association, CCNY, advised SA WILLIAM DANIELSON on December 18, 1956, that MARVIN MARCUS was graduated from CCNY on June 22, 1948, with a degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. At the time of his graduation, MARCUS listed his residence as being at 2160 Clinton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

EUNICE OLSEN, Superintendent, [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised on January 4, 1957, that the tenancy records of that apartment house were recently destroyed through the year 1952. It was noted that no one by the name of MARCUS is a current resident at [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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(S) T-2 [redacted]	Letter addressed from Russian Consulate, Paris, France, to one KOVAL during April, 1952.		Bureau (made available to Bureau by Legat, Paris let 9/27/56)	65-16756-163 b1
	No additional info re the KOVAL to whom Russian Consulate addressed the let.		Bureau (made available to Bureau by Legat, Paris let 12/4/56)	65-16756-170

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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At Baldwin, New York

\* Will attempt to located and interview ALBERT E. CAMPION, Captain, USAR, last known to be residing at [redacted] Place, Baldwin, NY. CAMPION should be questioned regarding subject and his knowledge of the ASTP, CCNY.

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At New York, New York

1. Will attempt to locate and interview the following regarding their knowledge of ASTP, CCNY, and subject's assignment from the ASTP, CCNY, to the MED, Oak Ridge:

FRED S. CANTER, Sales Manager, L. Buchman and Company, [redacted] Street, Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES WERNER, [redacted] Place, Bronx, New York.

(FNU) BROPHY, former Dean of Men, CCNY, 1943-1944.

2. Will report results of investigation requested of WFO regarding last known whereabouts of Captain HAROLD BROWN, former Intelligence Officer, ASTP, CCNY.

3. Will conduct appropriate record checks in an attempt to locate and interview MARVIN MARCUS, former associate of subject.

4. Will attempt to locate and interview MAX LEVITAN, a graduate student employed in the Zoology Department at Columbia University, 1948, who was possibly acquainted with the subject during 1948.

5. Will recontact THEODORE NEWMAN, [redacted] Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York, concerning his exact assignment with the ASTP, CCNY. It is noted that several former officers of the ASTP, CCNY, have advised that NEWMAN was the Adjutant Officer of the ASTP, to which NEWMAN made no reference when he was originally interviewed during October, 1956.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL dated 11/28/56 at NY.

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Legal Attache, Ottawa  
Director, FBI (65-62911)

March 25, 1957

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Enclosed are 3 copies of a memorandum regarding George Koval, which sets forth background of investigation concerning the subject and which requests the [ ] to interview Igor Gouzenko for any information he may have which would throw any light on this investigation.

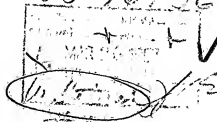
Copies of the memorandum may be furnished to the [ ] for its use in connection with the requested inquiry.

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For the information of the New York Office, the memorandum concerning Koval has been classified "~~Confidential~~" at the Bureau and any copies in the New York Office should also be so classified.

Enclosures (3)

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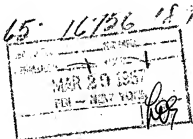
Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 2/26/57.

Referenced airtel set forth recollections of Col. RAYMOND P. COOK, Commanding Officer, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), at College of the City of New York (CCNY), to the effect that one Captain HAROLD BROWN had served as an Intelligence Officer with ASTU during the approximate period of 1943-1944 and that COOK was of the opinion ~~Brown~~ might be able to furnish information of value to instant investigation. It was stated that BROWN's present whereabouts is unknown to COOK and WFO was accordingly requested to make efforts to ascertain the last known address of BROWN through records of the Adjutant General's Office (AGO), Department of the Army. Referenced airtel added information that COOK recalled BROWN merely as a former resident of New Jersey and a lawyer by profession.

Mr. ROBERT A. LILLY, Office of Locator Files, AGO, on 3/22/57, advised that he has been unable to identify the above Captain HAROLD BROWN among AGO Locator records and that in the absence of further personal data he does not feel such person can be identified with the limited information reflected on Locator Cards. LILLY suggested that ASTU Organizational Records would seem to afford the most likely source for the desired information.

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In above regard it is noted St. Louis letter to Bureau, dated 9/6/56, reflects previous attention to the Organizational Rosters for the 7225th ASTU, GCHQ, and includes a listing of officers shown to have been attached to such organization in 1943-44, as well as officers listed to the 1218th ASTU, including the above-mentioned Col. RAYMOND P. COOK. It is noted that the name of Captain HAROLD BROWN was not previously shown to have been affiliated with either of the above organizations.

In view of negative results in efforts to identify a Captain HAROLD BROWN through Locator Files, AFO, and in view of the above advice, it is requested St. Louis cause a recheck to be made of pertinent ASTU Organizational Files, at the Miscellaneous Record Section, DOD-PAC, in further attention to the interest of identifying and arranging for interview of the above Captain HAROLD BROWN.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>HOUSTON</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>APR 1 1957</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/19/57</b>
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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

## SYNOPSIS:

RALPH H. FIRMINHAC, Houston, Texas, served as Subject's supervisor at Oak Ridge Laboratories for two or three years during period 1945 - 1949, exact dates not recalled. States Subject one of group of United States Army enlisted men assigned to work at Oak Ridge, and resided in barracks with other enlisted personnel. FIRMINHAC states Subject's selection for this work by United States Army apparently based on educational background and not on recommendations of individuals. Subject's duties required general and specific knowledge of classified work being done at Oak Ridge. FIRMINHAC not acquainted with Subject's relatives or civilian employment record. States WILLIAM WRAY (or RAY) reported having seen Subject in Eastern United States in approximately 1951 or 1952, although FIRMINHAC not sure of dates. FIRMINHAC had no reason to question Subject's loyalty.

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DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

RALPH H. FIRMINHAC, [REDACTED] employed by Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company, 1628 Old Spanish Trail, was interviewed on March 19, 1957. FIRMINHAC advised he served as GEORGE KOVAL's supervisor and worked closely with KOVAL for approximately two or three years during the period 1945 to 1949, although he cannot recall the exact dates of his acquaintance with Subject. KOVAL was an enlisted man in the United States Army during the period of his employment at Oak Ridge and FIRMINHAC does not believe Subject came back to Oak Ridge as a civilian employee, as did numerous other former Army personnel. KOVAL had some background in electrical engineering, although, FIRMINHAC does not believe he had a degree. It is his recollection that Subject planned to return to college after his release from the Army.

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FIRMINHAC stated that Subject was one of a group of approximately 100 enlisted personnel who were assigned to the Oak Ridge Laboratories during that period. He believes that KOVAL continued to draw his normal Army pay and became a Sergeant before he left Oak Ridge. FIRMINHAC stated Subject held the title of "Health Physics Surveyor", described as a safety man who checked on health hazards created by radioactivity. It is FIRMINHAC's belief that Subject and other members of his group were selected for and assigned to the Oak Ridge Laboratories on the basis of their educational background, as reflected in their Army records. He recalls that Subject was apparently not acquainted with other employees at Oak Ridge prior to his arrival there and Subject was not employed on the basis of recommendations made by anyone known to FIRMINHAC.

FIRMINHAC further advised that Subject would necessarily have had a general knowledge of the type of work being done in various areas at Oak Ridge, including knowledge of specific operations of a classified nature. Subject was described as a conscientious worker who seemed to be discreet and nothing came to FIRMINHAC's attention which would indicate that Subject ever compromised any restricted data.

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FIRMINHAC does not recall anything concerning Subject's background except that he came from Iowa, and had previously attended either the University of Iowa or Iowa State University. He believes that Subject once remarked that his father was a carpenter. FIRMINHAC never met any of Subject's relatives. Subject was not married during his service at Oak Ridge and resided in a barracks building along with other unmarried enlisted men. Subject visited FIRMINHAC's residence on two or three occasions which was the extent of their social acquaintance.

FIRMINHAC remembers that Subject made reference to New York City on several occasions but cannot recall whether Subject stated he lived there or visited there while on furlough. He has no recollections of Subject having stated he worked in New York City and Subject never mentioned having previously worked in a radio parts house or an electrical supply house. FIRMINHAC pointed out he had no reason to probe into Subject's background, training, or security, inasmuch as those matters were the responsibility of the United States Army which had complete control of the Oak Ridge operation at that time. He can recall no instances in which Subject exhibited any unusual curiosity concerning work not specifically related to his own duties.

Subject made no remarks to FIRMINHAC indicating that he or any of his relatives had traveled or resided in any foreign country.

FIRMINHAC recalls that Subject had one friend at Oak Ridge who was working in an area which was closed shortly after the end of World War II. He believes this individual's last name to be BLOOM or BLUM, and his first name was possibly SOL or SEYMOUR. Subject recommended BLOOM to FIRMINHAC and BLOOM was employed by FIRMINHAC after his previous assignment was terminated. FIRMINHAC recalls SEYMOUR BLOCK, who previously worked with Subject, but indicated SOL or SEYMOUR BLOOM was a separate individual.

According to FIRMINHAC, KARL Z. MORGAN, who was director of the Health Physics Department at Oak Ridge,

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when he and Subject were there still holds that position and should have records of other enlisted men who resided in the barracks with Subject and probably knew Subject better than FIRMINHAC. It is FIRMINHAC's belief of the 100 enlisted men in Subject's group, 10' or 15 probably are still employed at Oak Ridge.

FIRMINHAC further stated that WILLIAM WRAY (or RAY) was also assigned to the Health Physics Department at Oak Ridge during the above period. Subject at one time worked under the supervision of WRAY. In approximately 1951 or 1952, WRAY made a business trip through the Eastern United States and later reported to FIRMINHAC that he had seen Subject in an eastern city, the name of which FIRMINHAC cannot now recall. WRAY stated that Subject was then completing his college work. WRAY, according to FIRMINHAC, asked KOVAL if he would be interested in coming back to Oak Ridge when he graduated. Subject reportedly replied that he was not interested in returning, inasmuch as he was interested in "big power." FIRMINHAC explained that this expression relates to public utility type of electric work. FIRMINHAC's best recollection at this time is that WRAY reported seeing Subject in either 1951 or 1952, although FIRMINHAC added that due to the lapse of time he cannot be sure of the exact time. FIRMINHAC believes that WILLIAM WRAY is presently on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh teaching health physics.

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It is noted that RALPH H. FIRMINHAC supplied the name of KARL Z. MORGAN, head of the Health Physics Department, Oak Ridge, as a person who could identify other former associates of Subject. Inasmuch as this office is not aware of the scope of investigation previously conducted by Knoxville, the desirability of additional leads based on the above information is being left for decision by New York as Office of Origin.

For the information of Pittsburgh, which office may not have received past information in this case, the following background information taken from Washington Field Office letter dated February 14, 1957, is being set forth:

(S) Investigation concerning the Subject has (S) established that during 1942, he was employed with the REC, New York City, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet Agent known by the (S) [redacted] b1 [redacted] During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "Unclassified" to "Top Secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS AMERICA," destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the Subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelaiv Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

Information furnished by the GURSHTELS was based on a letter written by the Subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the Subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led

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Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native-born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CCNY on February 1, 1948.

LEADS

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AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Will locate and interview WILLIAM WRAY or WILLIAM RAY, reportedly on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh. Will obtain all information in WRAY's possession concerning the background, associates and civilian employment of Subject, with particular emphasis on securing the exact date and place where WRAY last saw the Subject.

KNOXVILLE: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being designated for Knoxville inasmuch as that office may be required to conduct investigation based on information contained herein.

REFERENCE

Washington Field Office letter to Bureau, dated 2/14/57

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

April 9, 1957

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SAC, ST. LOUIS (65-1914)

GEORGE NOVEL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: New York

Re WFO letter to Bureau dated 3-27-57.

On April 4, 1957, a check of the records at the Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflected that one HAROLD J. BROWN, Captain, Army Serial Number [redacted] was assigned to the 1217th Army Specialized Training Unit at the City College of New York in May, 1943.

A further check of the records at the Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, reflected that the service record for HAROLD J. BROWN, [redacted] was not located at this center, but was transferred to file, 803, the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. on December 1, 1949.

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Inasmuch as the record for BROWN may be located at the Pentagon, the Identification Division is requested to attempt to locate the record there and handle the lead in the referenced letter.

For the information of the Identification Division, one copy of the referenced letter is being enclosed herewith.

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- 3 - Bureau (Enclosure 1) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - New York: (65-16756) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

FROM : SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN - MINEOLA RA

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP. - R

DATE: 4/12/57

Re report of SA Walter C Gutheil dated 3/11/57 and serial 186 of this file.

Mr. Albert E. Campion 5 Alexander Pl. Baldwin, NY was interviewed 4/11/57. He advised that he does not know the subject and did not know him when he was at CCNY. Mr. Campion stated that he was the Company Commander of Company A, ASTP at CCNY from Dec. 1943 to June 1944. Campion taught two military science courses while at CCNY and does not recall having taught the subject or ever having met him. He advised further that the students at CCNY who were in the ASTP were taking engineering or pre-med courses. He was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the ASTP at CCNY.

Mr. Campion is no longer affiliated with the Army and at present is an executive with the East New York Savings Bank.

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Reporting Office <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>4/17/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/26; 3/17, 22, 26; 4/1, 4/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <b>JOE R. CRAIG</b>	Typed By: <b>MRS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

Synopsis:

LAURIE JOE DEAL, Physicist, AEC Headquarters, recalls KOVAL as Engineer's Aide in military status, assigned to Instrument Unit of Health, Physics Department, Clinton Engineering Works, (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee, when DEAL became employed in same department in 8/44. DEAL had only limited contact with KOVAL and unable to furnish any personal data. Believes KOVAL transferred to another MED project at Dayton, Ohio, 5-6 months after DEAL came to Oak Ridge. DEAL volunteered information of a later chance meeting with KOVAL in about 8/47, at a public gathering held at a private estate near Westbury, Long Island, N. Y., attended by HENRY A. WALLACE. DEAL states he and a married couple, THOMAS DUANE PRICE and wife, all then residing in guest house at AEC, Brookhaven National Laboratory, had gone to Westbury merely out of curiosity to see the estate; having been reminded of the estate in hearing that some nature of public rally was to be held there. States they remained only a short while after seeing WALLACE and concluding the affair was strictly political in nature. DEAL said, while there, he saw KOVAL standing alone in the crowd, conversed with him very briefly and recalls only

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a statement by KOVAL to the affect he was then continuing engineering studies in NYC. Recheck of Passport file and MSD file pertaining to KOVAL noted no additional pertinent information not previously reported.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

LAURIE JOE DEAL, Physicist, Division of Biology and Medicine, Atomic Energy Commission, (AEC) Headquarters, contacted on March 22, 1957, advised that he first came to know of KOVAL's identity in about August, 1944, shortly after DEAL became employed as a Junior Physicist, assigned to the Health, Physics Department of the Clinton Engineering Works, a part of the Manhattan Engineering District (MED) project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. According to DEAL, KOVAL, an Engineer's Aide in military status, was attached to the same department, assigned to the Instruments Unit of the Development Group. DEAL added that he himself was specifically assigned to the Health-Physics Group of the same Department.

DEAL said that while he had no regular occasion for other than limited contact with the subject, he did come to have a speaking acquaintance with KOVAL through very general contact in their working areas, but had no further extent of contact with subject and consequently learned little or nothing concerning him personally and is therefore, unable to furnish any data in this regard concerning KOVAL.

He noted that KOVAL, while at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was quartered with other military personnel while he, DEAL, lodged in civilian quarters. DEAL stated he recalled that KOVAL was transferred to another MED project near Dayton (Miamisburg), Ohio, about five or six months after DEAL came to Oak Ridge. It was DEAL's further recollection that KOVAL had been dispatched to the Dayton area as one of a special radiation group, including a JOHN BRADLEY, whom DEAL believes is still in the Dayton area as an AEC employee. DEAL said that in view of his limited contact and knowledge of KOVAL, he is unable to suggest any persons known by him to be close associates of the subject or persons who might have more direct or personal knowledge concerning KOVAL, other than members of KOVAL's immediate working group.

DEAL volunteered information that he later, in about August, 1947, had another contact with subject by chance, at a gathering believed to be a political rally in support of HENRY A. WALLACE, which gathering was at an estate home near Westbury, Long Island, New York, which estate DEAL believes was then the home of MICHAEL WHITNEY STRAIGHT, associated with "New Republic" magazine. DEAL, in this regard, offered the explanation that he was assigned to the AEC, Brookhaven National Laboratory, at the time, where he had quarters in a facility guest house, "Lindomere." DEAL said that a young married couple, also then residing at "Lindomere," had accompanied him to Westbury and that they had made the trip merely out of curiosity and in the interest of seeing the estate, which they had previously heard was quite fabulous.

He stated that sometime just previous to their trip to Westbury, they had been reminded of the estate and prompted to go see it on hearing that some nature of public gathering was to be held there. DEAL, on occasion of first contact, stated that he was then unable to recall the names of the married couple who had accompanied him.

DEAL, subsequently on April 4, 1957, was recontacted, at which time he stated that having further prompted his memory, he now recalls the name of the couple as THOMAS D. PRICE and his wife NELL. He added that PRICE, at that time, was a Chemist also employed at Brookhaven. DEAL stated that he may also possibly have had a girlfriend along, but he is unable to recall specifically whether he had or had not. He added, however, that none of the party had had any advance knowledge of the nature of the gathering and likewise no other promptings in visiting the estate other than stated above.

DEAL, in further attention to the above gathering, stated recollection that upon arrival at the rally, he and his friends were most surprised to learn that HENRY A. WALLACE was present and thus they concluded that the gathering was strictly political in nature; consequently, they remained only a short while. DEAL said that, however, during this period, he recognized KOVAL standing alone in the crowd and sought KOVAL out merely to say "Hello" to him.

According to DEAL, they conversed very briefly and along only general lines. DEAL stated that his only present recollection of any statements by KOVAL was something to the effect that he, KOVAL, was then continuing engineering studies in New York City. DEAL stated that he and his friends left shortly thereafter and that he did not notice any other persons there whom he recognized nor any persons who appeared to be in company or contact with KOVAL. DEAL added that KOVAL was not known to DEAL's friends and that he did not introduce them to KOVAL.

DEAL, in conclusion, furnished assurance that he has not since seen nor heard from KOVAL.

A recheck of subject's Passport file at the Passport Office, Department of State, April 1, 1957, noted no additional information not previously reported.

A recheck of the MED security records pertaining to KOVAL, made available by CLEMENT A. PALAZZOLO, Chief, Internal Security Branch, Division of Security, SEC, on March 26, 1957, likewise noted no additional pertinent information not previously reported.

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It will be noted that instant report sets out results of interview with LAURIE JOE DEAL, currently employed as a Physicist, Division of Biology and Medicine, AEC Headquarters, wherein DEAL stated recollections of KOVAL as a person he had known only through work at Oak Ridge, Tennessee in 1944. It is noted DEAL also stated recollection that KOVAL was transferred to another MED project from five to six months later with a special group including a JOHN BRADLEY, whom DEAL believed to still be employed in the Dayton area by AEC.

In reference to the above JOHN BRADLEY, it is noted that security file pertaining to KOVAL maintained by the Division of Security, AEC, contains a copy of report of SA EUGENE I. TUGGEX dated 4/30/56 at Cincinnati, in instant matter, reflecting an interview with JOHN BRADLEY of the AEC installation at Dayton. In this regard, CLEMENT A. PALAZZOLO, Chief, Internal Security Branch, AEC, has furnished comments to the effect that BRADLEY's name, along with names of all other known members of MED groups to which KOVAL was assigned during 1943, - 1945, have been previously furnished the Bureau in this matter.

Records of WFO reflect an AEA-E investigation was conducted pertaining to LAURIE JOE DEAL in 1947, (Bufile 116-11225; WFO 116-112361). A check of WFO records as well as a check of the AEC Headquarters file pertaining to DEAL, noted no derogatory information.

Records of WFO and Division of Security, AEC, likewise disclose no derogatory information identifiable with THOMAS DUANE PRICE or his wife MELBA DAVID PRICE, who, according to DEAL, accompanied him to a public gathering at Westbury, Long Island, in about August, 1947, at which gathering HENRY A. WALLACE was present.

Records of the Security Division, AEC, show PRICE to have been granted a "Q" AEC clearance 10/27/47 at Brookhaven and that such clearance was terminated 12/31/49, at which time his forwarding address was listed as South Oak Knoll, Pasadena, California.

REFERENCE: New York letters to Bureau 1/9/57 & 3/11/57.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

4/17/57

SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re New York letter to Bureau 3/11/57.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York are copies of report of SA JOE R. CRAIG, which report reflects results of rechecks of the Passport and MED security file pertaining to KOVAL, to the effect that such rechecks noted no further pertinent information not previously reported.

In connection with attention to such records and in compliance with the request to WFO as set forth in re New York letter, subject's citizenship status was discussed informally on 4/1/57 with Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, WFO established contact and Assistant Director of the Passport Office, Department of State.

During this discussion, NICHOLAS volunteered an opinion that in the absence of a formal proof of some open expatriative acts by the subject, such as a disavowal of allegiance to the United States or formal declaration of allegiance to another country, it did not appear to him that the Government is in possession of sufficient evidence to bring about expatriation of a native born citizen residing abroad, as is the subject.

In regard to subject's present citizenship status, NICHOLAS commented that while the subject may be considered a dual-national by the Russians, on the basis of the Russian birth of his parents, he nevertheless has natural United States citizenship by virtue of his American birth and, under the laws of the United States, remains an American citizen so long as he commits no expatriative acts.

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In line with the above advise, it is noted that a formal renunciation before a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in a foreign state, would appear to provide a basis for expatriation of a United States citizen residing abroad. On the basis of information now known, it also appears that KOVAL has elected to remain in Russia as a permanent resident and has evidenced no intention of ever returning to the United States. It occurs to WFO that if an interview with subject could be effected by State Department officials in Russia, such interview might bring about a formal renunciation of United States citizenship by the subject as well as possibly providing some further background information of interest and value to instant investigation.

Such possibility is, therefore, being called to the attention of the Bureau for any further consideration which the Bureau may feel warranted.

Questions raised in referenced New York letter concerned with subject's MED clearance were discussed with CLEMENT A. PALAZZOLO, Chief, Internal Security Branch, Division of Security, AEC, 3/26/57. PALAZZOLO, during such discussion, reiterated that previous attention to all logical AEC sources had failed to identify any further information, relating to such clearance, in addition to materials previously retained at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and later transferred to PALAZZOLO's office. PALAZZOLO, in turn, made such materials available, a recheck of which noted no additional personal information or investigative data not previously reported in instant matter.

In attention to authority for subject's MED clearance, it was noted that the above MED file contains a memorandum dated 9/20/44 under the letterhead of "Army Service Forces, U.S. Army Engineers Office, Manhattan District, Oak Ridge, Tennessee," directed to Lt. A.L. D. HOWIE from W. B. PARSONS, "Lt Colonel C.E., DIO," stating, "Subject (KOVAL) has been granted appropriate clearance by this office."

In the above connection, it was further noted that the signature of Colonel PARSONS as "C.E., DIO," was indicated on all other letters directed to references and former employers of the subject, by MED, as previously identified in instant matter.



PARSON's signature is likewise indicated on a "Loyalty Check Sheet," dated 8/1/44, contained in above file. Such Sheet, directed to Major D. E. BATES, Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C., specifies a request that KOVAL's name be given file checks indicated therein, "MED - ORI - FBI." It was noted that the following comments appeared on such Sheet. "He will have access to secret or confidential material."

A return copy of the above "Loyalty Check Sheet," stamped September 13, 1944, showing notation of Major EDWARD C. LAPPING, room 2B, 623 Pentagon, as sender, listed the following results: "MED - RI; ORI - RI; FBI - RI."

Above MED file was also noted to contain a termination statement dated 8/22/45 under KOVAL's signature, showing JULIAN A. HAY, "Captain C D" as witnessing officer.

Mr. PALAZZOLO furnished a further opinion that in light of the above details, it appears that the entire processing of KOVAL for MED clearance was initiated and administered directly through the office of Colonel W. B. PARSONS, CE, DIO, at Oak Ridge, and that such office had, in turn, directly authorized KOVAL's clearance. PALAZZOLO noted that KOVAL's MED clearance did, therefore, appear to have evolved through regular Army channels for the MED interest of the Corps of Engineers, maintained at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. PALAZZOLO also volunteered the comment that while KOVAL's MED investigation was quite limited in scope, it is PALAZZOLO's feeling, based on attention to similar MED cases, that such extent of investigation was more or less standard in cases concerning military personnel, wherein other agency checks developed no derogatory information.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

DATE: April 26, 1957

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FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re St. Louis let, April 9, 1957, and WFO let, March 27,  
1957.

The service record for Major Harold Jenson Brown,  
Army Serial Number [redacted] indicates that his current address is  
[redacted] Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, Boston (65-3981)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re NY letter dated 3/11/57.

On March 15, 1957, Investigative Clerk JOHN M. CRAWFORD, Jr., examined birth records at the Division of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, and no record was located for WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, born November 19, 1918 at Cambridge, Mass.

On April 3, 1957, records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., were reviewed by Investigative Clerk CRAWFORD and no reference to WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE was located.

On April 3, 1957, personnel of the Massachusetts Board of Probation, Suffolk County Court House, Boston, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised Investigative Clerk CRAWFORD that there was no record for WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE in the files of that agency.

On April 23, 1957, Mrs. GLADYS LYNCH, office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Cambridge, advised SA EDWARD J. DUNN, Jr. that she could find no birth record for WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE in the records of the City Clerk's Office. A review of Cambridge City Directories by Mrs. LYNCH failed to indicate any reference to WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, RUC.

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GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

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E. BRENNAN, Secretary to President, College of the City of New York (CCNY), advised SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON on 4/18/57, that Professor DANIEL F. BROPHY, former Dean of Student Life, CCNY, resides at [redacted] Road, Westport, Connecticut. Professor BROPHY, who is a current member of the CCNY Faculty, has been "very ill" for the past two months and inquiry concerning his health status should be made of his wife prior to conducting an interview with him.

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New Haven will locate and, if deemed advisable, interview Professor BROPHY concerning his knowledge of the administrative functions of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at CCNY during the period 1943-1944. Professor BROPHY has been identified by Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK (US Army retired) former Commanding Officer of ASTP at CCNY as the former Dean of Men at CCNY, who assisted the US Army Administrative Staff in coordinating the training program of the ASTP at CCNY.

Professor BROPHY, after being apprised of pertinent background information concerning the subject, should be questioned specifically as follows:

1. Regarding the identities of US Army officers or faculty members at CCNY, who selected the various ASTP trainees for their field assignments.
2. Regarding specific knowledge of a class of ASTP trainees having been assigned to the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during 1944.
3. Whether or not subject's assignment to the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge from the ASTP training at CCNY could have resulted from a pre-conceived plan, and if so, in what manner would the plan most likely have been executed.

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4. Regarding the identities of either military personnel or faculty members of CCNY, who might possibly be sources of information concerning the ASTP.

The following brief summary of previous investigation concerning the subject is being set forth for the assistance of the New Haven Office:

(S) Investigation concerning GEORGE KOVAL has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, NYC, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, a prima suspect for the unknown Soviet Agent known by the [redacted] b1  
[redacted] During the period August 15, 1944 - January, 1946, while a member of the US Army, KOVAL was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to information that could have varied from "Classified" to "Top Secret". The subject was assigned to the MED at Oak Ridge, during August, 1944, after completing specialized training at CCNY known as the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). Recent investigation at CCNY has disclosed that the subject's ASTP class consisting of 17 students was the only class of trainees which was finally assigned to the MED.

In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, as a "Commissioned Representative," KOVAL was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. No record of employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, could be located for KOVAL.

On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America", destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1950, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendeleev Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

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Information furnished by the GURSHELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at College of the City of New York (CCNY) on February 1, 1949.

The subject's known description is as follows:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6 feet
Weight	170-175 pounds
Hair	Black - dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium - Dark
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
Distinguishing Features	Wears glasses; acne condition on face.

One photograph of the subject taken during 1948 is being enclosed for the New Haven Office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, KNOXVILLE  
GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

4/30/57

Re New York letter dated 3/11/57.

On 4/2/57, Mr. JAMES R. LANGLEY, Custodian, Retired Records Section, US AEC, made a search of the alphabetical files of the visitors' passes to the Oak Ridge Area searching for the names WILLIAM A. ROSE and WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE. He advised that passes were found for WILLIAM ROSE and Mrs. WILLIAM ROSE dated March 31, 1945 for a visit to K. M. WHITTLESEY, this card being issued March 31, 1945 and to expire April 8, 1945. He advised that he found a card under the name of W. R. ROSE issued 5/29/45 expiring 5/30/45 for a visit to O. S. DIPLUCK, Carbide & Carbon Chemical Co., purpose of visit - employment. He stated that he found another card in the name of W. R. ROSE issued June 5, 1945 to expire June 6, 1945 for a visit to O. S. DIPLUCK, Carbide & Carbon Chemical Co., purpose of visit being employment.

Mr. LANGLEY advised that these cards contained no identifying data to connect them with the names WILLIAM A. ROSE and WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE.

Mr. LANGLEY advised that his alphabetical records searched above are the records of visitors from March 1945 through June 1945 which have been alphabetized. He advised that the above records contain approximately 125,000 passes. He pointed out that for the same period there are passes in a numerical sequence which contain approximately 250,000 cards. A sample of approximately 1,000 passes were checked at random for the name of subject GEORGE KOVAL, WILLIAM A. ROSE and WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE with negative results. Mr. LANGLEY estimated that a complete search of these records would require the full time of one person for approximately 8 months.

In view of the above circumstances, no further examination of these records will be made UACB.

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Reference is made to report of SA EDWARD DALRYMPLE dated 4/1/57 at Houston.

On 4/9/57, Mrs. BELLE GOSS, Security Files Section, US AEC, advised that she was unable to locate any record of a file under the name of SOL BLOOM or SEYMOUR BLOOM or SOL BLUM or SEYMOUR BLUM.

On 4/10/57, Mr. LAWRENCE P. RIORDAN, Director, Laboratory Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised that he was unable to locate any record of BLOOM or BLUM in his files of former employees of the ORNL.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>MAY 9 1957</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/15, 26, 29, 4/1, 5, 10, 11, 18, 22, 24-26/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER C. GUTHEIL</b>	TYPED BY <b>aim</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

## SYNOPSIS:

FRED S. CANTER stated assigned to 3225th Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU) at College of the City of New York (CCNY) as Operations Officer from approximately September, 1943, to May, 1944; recalled that assignments into and from Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) were made at CCNY based upon orders received from 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, NY; selection to full assignment orders made by classification unit, ASTU, CCNY, under the command of Major (FNU) WETZEL. THEODORE C. NEWMAN stated Adjutant Officer, ASTP, CCNY, during 1944; suggested possible records of orders issued by ASTP, CCNY, might presently be on file at Governors Island, NY.

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**DETAILS:**

Interview with ALBERT E. CAMPION

ALBERT E. CAMPION, [redacted] Place, Baldwin, New York, was interviewed by SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN on April 11, 1957, and stated as follows:

He served as Company Commander of Company "A" of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) with the rank of Captain from approximately December, 1943, until June, 1944. His duties were primarily confined to teaching a course in military science to the ASTP trainees at CCNY. The subject's name and photograph were not familiar to CAMPION who stated he could not recall having taught or having met the subject at CCNY. CAMPION stated he had no connection with the administrative functions of the ASTP, CCNY, and was unable to furnish information relating to assignments and transfers of ASTP personnel.

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Interview with FRED S. CANTER

FRED S. CANTER, Sales Manager, L. Buchman and Company, [redacted] Street, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed on April 18, 1957, by SA WALTER C. CUTHILL and stated as follows:

He was assigned to the 3225th Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU) at CCNY as Operations Officer with the rank of Major during the approximate period of September, 1943, through May, 1944.

He described the subject's photograph as vaguely familiar but could not clearly identify the subject, by name or photograph, as a member of the ASTU at CCNY known to him.

CANTER recalled that as Operations Officer his primary duty was to coordinate military and academic training of the ASTU trainees who numbered approximately

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2500 to 3000 men during the 1943-1944 period. The ASTF, which was a segment of the ASTU, consisted of several hundred technicians who were being trained under an accelerated training schedule for highly technical assignments. To his recollection assignments both into and from the ASTF were made at CONY based upon orders received from the 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, New York. Selection for fulfillment of assignment orders was made by the Classification Unit of the ASTU known as the "3204 STAR Unit," under the command of Major (FNU) WETZEL. In explanation CANTER stated the ASTF Unit at CONY issued its own orders for assignments based upon requests made by the 2nd Service Command.

CANTER had no knowledge of an ASTF class or individual trainees having been assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. When apprised that the subject was assigned from the ASTF to the MED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during August, 1944, CANTER stated that he could not furnish specific information concerning that assignment inasmuch as he was transferred from the ASTF during May, 1944. CANTER remarked that an assignment of a group of trainees to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944 would have been top secret in nature and would in all probability have resulted from specific orders emanating from Army Headquarters at Washington, D.C. CANTER described as "very unlikely" the possibility that the subject's assignment to the MED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, resulted from a preconceived plan by the subject.

The files of the New York Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, as reviewed by SA GUTHRIE on April 18, 1957, failed to disclose information that could be determined identifiable with Major (FNU) WETZEL.

Interview with THEODORE C. NEWMAN

THEODORE C. NEWMAN, when originally interviewed by SA GUTHRIE on October 5, 1956, advised that he was assigned to the ASTF, CONY, from approximately July, 1943

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to April, 1945, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. NEWMAN identified CHRISTOPHER MICHEL as the Adjutant Officer of the ASTP, CONY, during 1943 - 1944.

When interviewed by SA ORVILLE N. MOLMEN at Salinas, California, on January 8, 1957, CHRISTOPHER MICHEL advised that he was assigned to the ASTP, CONY, with the rank of Captain from August, 1943, until April 26, 1944, during which time he served as Instructor, Executive Officer, and Plans and Training Officer. MICHEL denied having served as Adjutant Officer with the ASTP and identified THEODORE C. NEWMAN as the Adjutant Officer of the ASTP during the approximate period of 1944.

THEODORE C. NEWMAN was reinterviewed by SA GUTHRIE on April 22, 1957, and stated as follows:

Upon being apprized of the statements made by CHRISTOPHER MICHEL, whereby the latter identified him as Adjutant Officer of the ASTP, CONY, 1944, NEWMAN stated that his original statements regarding his assignment with the ASTP were in error and that he did serve as Adjutant Officer under Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, sometime during the year 1944. NEWMAN explained that the administrative organization of the ASTP was such that several of the staff officers had various assignments and held several administrative titles. To the best of his recollection he was the Adjutant Officer of the ASTP for a "brief period" during 1944. NEWMAN stated that part of his duties as Adjutant Officer involved signing orders issued by the ASTU. He stated he could not recall assignment or transfer orders from the ASTP to the MED, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Upon being questioned concerning the duties and full identity of Major (FNU) WETZEL, NEWMAN commented as follows:

Major (FNU) WETZEL was in charge of the Classification Unit of the ASTU, and would in all probability be in a position to furnish specific information concerning transfers and assignments. NEWMAN suggested the possibility that records of the orders that were issued by the ASTP might

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presently be on file at Governors Island, New York. NEWMAN emphatically denied having had any direct connection with assignments and transfers to and from the ASTP with the exception of having signed some of those orders.

Interview with CHARLES WERNER

CHARLES WERNER, [redacted] Place, Bronx, New York, was interviewed on April 1, 1957, by SA GUTHRIE and stated as follows:

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He was assigned to Headquarters Office, 3225th ASTU, CCNY, with the rating of Technical Sergeant, during the approximate period of early 1943 - Summer of 1944. He recalled the ASTP as consisting of about 200 technical trainees who were classified and selected for their specific type of ASTP training at the "3204 STAR Classification Unit," CCNY, under the command of Major (FNU) WETZEL. The exact administrative procedure relating to assignments of ASTU and ASTP trainees from CCNY was unrecalled, although he vaguely recalled that the ASTU did issue its own orders. Contact with Major WETZEL was suggested to fully develop information relating to the classification unit of the ASTU and the identities of the officers assigned to that unit.

WERNER was unable to identify the subject's name and photograph as being an individual known to him.

Regarding MAX LEVITAN

When interviewed by SA HARRY H. WHIDDEE at La Verne, California, on October 16, 1956, JEAN MORDEZKY, self-described as the subject's former girlfriend, stated that the name MAX LEVITAN, described to her as the name of a graduate student in the Zoology Department of Columbia University, New York City, during 1948, may be identical with a former associate of the subject known as "MAX."

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MADELINE SCULLY, Assistant to the Registrar, Columbia University, New York City, advised SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON on April 10, 1957, that MAX LEVITIN, an Assistant Professor in the Ecology Department of that university, resides at [redacted] Street, New York City.

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Regarding MARVIN MARCUS

HELEN FUST, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised SE GERARD M. LENEHAN on April 24, 1957, that the records of that credit agency failed to disclose an identifiable record for MARVIN MARCUS, reportedly a former resident at [redacted] Avenue and [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York.

LEONARD FIELDS, a former acquaintance of the subject during the period 1945-1948, when interviewed by SA WHIDBEE at Culver City, California, on June 8, 1956, identified MARVIN MARCUS as a former student at CCNY with whom the subject "associated freely" prior to 1948.

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LEADS

ST. LOUIS

At St. Louis, Missouri

1. Will at the Miscellaneous Records Center, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, conduct the following investigation.

A. Attempt to ascertain the last-known address of Major (FM) METZEL, reportedly assigned to the 320th STAT Unit, ASTU, COMZ, 1943-1944.

B. Attempt to locate all available records of the 320th STAT Unit, ASTU, COMZ, which might provide information relating to the administrative procedures of that unit, particularly with regard to assignment and transfer orders.

C. Will identify and ascertain last known addresses for U. S. Army personnel assigned to the 320th STAT Unit, ASTU.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will, at Governors Island, NY, attempt to locate all available records for 320th ASTU, COMZ, and 320th STAT Unit, ASTU, with emphasis to the location of the records of assignment orders issued by the 320th STAT Unit during August, 1944.

C. Will reinterview Colonel WILLIAM F. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Street, New York City, regarding his specific knowledge concerning Major (FM) METZEL and the latter's connection with assignment orders of the ASTU at COMZ during 1943-1944.

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3. Will attempt to locate and interview MAX LEVITAN at [redacted] Street, NYC, regarding his knowledge of the subject's background and activities.

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4. Will contact JOHN CASHEN, [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, NY, telephone number TYrone 2-0751, regarding his knowledge of the whereabouts of MARVIN MARGUL.

5. Will report the results of investigation pending at New Haven regarding Professor DANIEL F. BROPHY, former Dean of Men, CONY, and at St. Louis, regarding Captain HARRY BRENN, former Security Officer, ASTP, CONY.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHRIE, March 11, 1957, New York.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CINCINNATI</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>4/30/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/18;4/24/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>ARTHUR J. MARCHESSAULT</b>	TYPED BY  <b>JL</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

CARL CHRISTIAN GAMERTSFELDER advised 3/18/57 that he was never acquainted with nor did he know GEORGE KOVAL. A determination is being made at Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, as to whether visitor records available.

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DETAILS: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Mr. CARL CHRISTIAN GAMERTSFELDER, [redacted] Street, Wyoming, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised SA ARTHUR J. MARCHESSAULT on March 18, 1957, that he was employed at the ORNL in the Health and Physics Department. He related he left ORNL in July, 1944, and was never acquainted with nor did he know GEORGE KOVAL. He was shown KOVAL's photograph and related he never saw nor did he ever hear of the subject.

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On April 24, 1957, Mr. WALTER W. WOOD, Security Officer, SAC Area Office, found Laboratory, Mansfield, Ohio, and Mr. WALTER W. WOOD, Personnel Division Director, Monsanto Chemical Company, found Laboratory, advised SA JOHN V. LARSON that they have no visitor records still maintained for the period 1945 and 1946, which period of time was prior to the establishment of SAC Area Office.

Mr. WALTER advised SA LARSON that he would make a determination of what old records are still maintained and will advise the results of his search.

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LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE

At Cincinnati, Ohio

Will contact Mr. WILSON WILSON, Personnel Division Director, Monsanto Chemical Company, Round Laboratory, and ascertain the results of his search relative to visitor records.

REFERENCES:

Washington Field letter to Bureau dated 2/14/57.

New York letter to Bureau dated 3/11/57.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-1657)

GEORGE KOVAL<sup>1</sup>  
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Rerep of SA EDWIN DALRYMPLE, Houston, 4/1/57.

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Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., an established source, advised SA JOHN R. MITCHELL on 5/7/57, that there was no one on the pay roll of the University of Pittsburgh at the present time by the name of WILLIAM WRAY or RAY. She further advised, after checking her inactive records of former employees, that there was a WILLIAM HOWARD RAY who was employed by the University as a Research Associate in the School of Public Health, Occupational Health Department, from 3/1/50, to 7/19/52, when he resigned; that his Pittsburgh address was 338 North Craig Street; that he was born in 1916 and that he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of Iowa in 1938.

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[REDACTED] also advised, after making a pretext telephone call to an unknown individual in the School of Public Health, that WILLIAM HOWARD RAY's current address is: General Atomic, which may possibly be a division or subsidiary of General Dynamics Corporation, P.O. Box 608, San Diego 12, California.

There is attached a copy of rerep for the information and assistance of the San Diego Office in connection with this matter.

It is requested that the San Diego Office interview WILLIAM HOWARD RAY in compliance with the lead set forth for the Pittsburgh Division in rerep. RUC

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>5/28/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/17/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN T. HANLON</b>	TYPED BY <b>JAM</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

No visitor records for 1945 located Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio. Names of persons sharing assignments with subject set out.

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DETAILS:

On May 17, 1957, WICK WRIGHT, Personnel Division Director, Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, advised that he had a search made of stored records, but found no visitor records for the year 1945.

Mr. WRIGHT advised that he had located records showing work assignments for the subject. The assignment of the subject was that of group leader for a survey group in section 3. The following names appear as working with the subject at different times during the period of his employment at the Laboratory:

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V. DUNHAM  
MISS B. BRIDGES  
MISS D. NAUJOKS  
MISS V. JOHNSON  
GIBSON  
MISS J. BREWER  
E. ECONOMIDES  
MISS H. BAKER  
MISS H. DULL  
MRS. W. TURNER

The first three names on the list were most frequently assigned with the subject. Mr. WRIGHT advised that it may be possible to fully identify the persons whose names are set out above from a review of personnel files.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Efforts to fully identify persons working with the subject from a review of personnel files at the Monsanto Chemical Company, Loud Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, was not undertaken. It is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin to set out this lead.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ARTHUR J. MARCHESSAULT, dated 4/30/57,  
at Cincinnati, Ohio.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

May 23, 1957

SAC, ST. LOUIS (65-1914) ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

GEORGE KOVAL  
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OO: New York

Re report of SA WALTER C. GUTHRIE dated 5-9-57 at New York.

Re report requests St. Louis to: Attempt to ascertain the last-known address of Major (FNU) WEZEL, reportedly assigned to the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU, CGMZ, 1943-44; attempt to locate all available records of the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU, CGMZ, which might provide information relating to the administrative procedures of that unit, particularly with regard to assignment and transfer orders; and to identify and ascertain last known addresses for U. S. Army personnel assigned to the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU.

On May 16, 1957, personnel of the Miscellaneous Records Section, Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA JAMES W. LESTER, that the monthly payroll rosters of the 3204th STAR Unit, City College of New York, for the period of August, 1943 to June, 1944, reflects that a Major CLAYTON W. WEZEL, [ ] was assigned as Classification Assignment Officer.

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On the same date personnel of the Military Service Record Section advised that the service record for CLAYTON W. WEZEL, [ ] was transferred to the Personnel Records Branch, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. on December 22, 1949.

On May 16, 1957, Mr. THOMAS C. HARGROVE, Supervisor, Reference Service Unit, Miscellaneous Records Section, advised that there are no records on file at this Records Center which would reflect information relating to the administrative procedures of the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU, CGMZ (such as assignment and transfer orders) but that such records might be on file at the Kansas City Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

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On May 16, 1937, personnel of the Miscellaneous Records Section, made available the Personnel and Payroll Rosters of the 3204th STAR Unit, for the period of August, 1943 to June, 1944 (the Unit was inactivated in June, 1944).

A review of these rosters reflected the following Officer personnel assigned during the above period:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
ANDERSON, ERNEST E.	
BARTHOLET, JOHN C.	
BERCOVITZ, JOSEPH	
BIRDSALL, FRANK J., JR.	
CALHOUN, DAVID R., JR.	
CLOUD, BRUCE B.	
COFFEY, THOMAS J.	
DORSEY, JOHN U.	
FULLER, GEORGE W., JR.	
GRAHAM, SEWELL J.	
HENRY, WILLIAM, JR.	
HUGHES, EDWARD J.	
JUDSON, VICTOR J.	
KAHN, JOSEPH A.	
LAGERQUIST, EDWIN H.	
LEE, CHESTER A.	
LEE, FRANKLIN W.	
MITCHELL, PAUL V.	
RISER, HUBERT E.	
WEBSTER, THOMAS H.	
WINE, ELAIR H.	
WENZEL, CLAYTON U.	
WORTHINGTON, STANLEY W.	

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The U. S. Army service records for the below-listed Officers were located at the Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri. A review of the service records disclosed their last known addresses as set forth:

ANDERSON, ERNEST E.

[Redacted] New York (1933).

BERCOVITZ, JOSEPH,  
New York (1933).

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CALHOUN, DAVID R., Jr., [REDACTED] c/o JOHN K. Maryland (1953).  
CALHOUN, [REDACTED]

DORSEY, JOHN W., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Pennsylvania (1954).

FULLER, GEORGE W., Jr., ASN O 445 150, deceased (1953).

GRAHAM, SEWALL J., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California (1952).

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HENRY, WILLIAM, Jr., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Pennsylvania (1945).

HUGHES, EDWARD J., [REDACTED]  
Minnesota (1953).

JUDSON, VICTOR J., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Massachusetts (1952).

KAHN, JOSEPH A., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Colorado (1952).

LAGERQUIST, EDWIN H., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York (1945).

VINE, ELAER N., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New Jersey (1955).

WEBSTER, THOMAS H., III., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Baltimore, Maryland (1955).

The service records of the following named Officers were not located at the Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center and may be located at the Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.:

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BATHOLET, JOHN C.  
BIRDSALL, J. FRANK, Jr.  
CLOUD, BRUCE D.  
COFFEY, THOMAS J.  
LEE, CHESTER A.  
LEE, FRANKLIN W.  
MITCHELL, PAUL V.  
RISSEY, HUBERT E.

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WHEEL, CLAYTON W.  
WORTHINGTON, STANLEY  
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The Identification Division is requested to attempt to locate the service records of the above-listed Officers, at the Pentagon, and to furnish the New York Division with their current addresses.

A review of the rosters of the 325th STAR Unit for the period of August, 1943 to June, 1944, reflected the names of some 4,000 Enlisted Personnel assigned. In view of the volume of work involved in determining the current addresses of these personnel, the New York Division is requested to reconsider this portion of their lead set forth in referenced report. If it is determined that the current addresses of any portion of these personnel should be ascertained, a new lead should be set forth to this office.

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From: Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)  
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Field Division

RE: GEORGE KOVAL  
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The enclosed is for your information. If  
used in a future report, ( ) conceal all sources,  
( ) paraphrase contents. ( ) Remarks:

Very truly yours,

*J.* *E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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SAC, New York (65-16756)

June 20, 1957

Director, FBI (65-62911)

**GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re St. Louis letter May 28, 1957.

The files of the Department of the Army reflect the current duty assignments or latest home addresses for the following officers:

Bartholet, John C., Lieutenant Colonel

Army Section, Military Assistance Advisory Group

California

Birdsall, J. Frank, Jr., Major

QMC, U. S. Army Reserve

New York

Cloud, Bruce B., Lieutenant Colonel

CE, U. S. Army Reserve

Texas

Coffey, Thomas J., Captain

U. S. Army Reserve

New York

Lee, Chester A., Lieutenant Colonel

USAG SAM

New York

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Re: George Koval  
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Lee, Franklin White, Captain  
[redacted]

Honorary Reserve  
Southfield, Massachusetts.

Mitchell, Paul V., Major  
[redacted]

U. S. Army Reserve  
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[redacted] Virginia  
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Risser, Hubert E., Major  
[redacted]

U. S. Army Reserve  
[redacted]

[redacted] Kansas

Wetzel, Clayton W., Lieutenant Colonel  
[redacted]

U. S. Army Reserve  
[redacted]

[redacted] New York

Worthington, Stanley W., Captain

ASN 0 254 097

U. S. Army Reserve

Died June 21, 1948; report of death dated September 3, 1954

Last home address

116 Lake Street

Saranac Lake, New York

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June 25, 1957

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GEORGE KOVAL  
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Reference NY let to Director 4/29/57.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LLOYD S. GOODROW  
at Westport, Conn., on June 12, 1957.

Professor DANIEL F. BROPHY of CGNY was interviewed at his home  
on [ ] Road, Westport, Conn. Professor BROPHY advised  
that the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) functioned  
at CGNY from May, 1943 to May or June, 1944. Under this program,  
the Army, through the Second Service Command, Governors Island,  
New York, brought to CGNY a large number of personnel from all  
over the U. S. to be tested and classified as to their abilities  
along given lines. All military personnel who took classification  
tests at CGNY had their examinations scored by an IBM punch card  
machine operation. Once the machine scoring of the classification  
test had been completed and an individual's ability along specialized  
lines determined, subsequent examinations were conducted to determine  
an individual's knowledge in his specialized field.

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Results of the examinations conducted were forwarded to the Second  
Service Command at Governors Island, New York, and the military, through  
the Second Service Command at Governors Island, determined an individ-  
ual's specific assignment to a teaching unit.

Determination of who took a classification examination, and where an  
individual was assigned for instruction subsequent to classification,  
was entirely within the province of the Second Service Command,  
Governors Island, New York.

If the military assigned an individual for instruction at CGNY,  
this individual received his instructions from faculty members of  
CGNY rather than from military instructors.

Actual supervision of instruction of military personnel at CGNY  
was handled by Dr. BERNARD LEVI, who is now a Professor of Romance

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languages in the Evening Session at CCNY. Neither Dr. LEVY nor any other civilian personnel at CCNY had any responsibility as to whether military personnel showed up in class, or for the actions of military personnel while outside of class.

At the end of each marking period, Dr. LEVY consulted the heads of all departments working under him and obtained the accomplishments of the military personnel attending CCNY. Borderline cases were evaluated at a faculty conference, and a determination was made as to whether these individuals had successfully completed the courses they had pursued. Final grades were turned over to the Army Second Service Command at Governors Island, New York, and assignments were made by the military at Governors Island.

The faculty of CCNY did not in any way participate or recommend any individual for a particular assignment. In fact, the faculty of CCNY had no information relative to the assignment of a particular individual subsequent to his completion of courses.

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- ~~1. Regarding the identities of U. S. Army officers or faculty members at CCNY who selected the various ASTP trainees for field assignments.~~

Professor BROPHY advised that no faculty members at CCNY in any way participated in the selection of the various ASTP trainees for their field assignments. This matter was handled exclusively by the Army Second Service Command at Governors Island, New York. Professor BROPHY does not know the identity of the specific individual who selected trainees for their field assignments.

2. Regarding specific knowledge of a class of ASTP trainees having been assigned to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944.

Professor BROPHY advised that he had no knowledge of the existence of an atomic installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944. Professor BROPHY stated that to the best of his knowledge, no other faculty member at CCNY had any knowledge of the existence of the atomic installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944.

Professor BROPHY stated that, therefore, it would not be possible for him or any other faculty member to have knowledge of any ASTP trainees being assigned to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, inasmuch as the very existence of this atomic facility was not known to Professor BROPHY, and so far as he knows, was not known to other members of the CCNY faculty.

3. Whether or not the subject's assignment to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from the ASTP training program at CCNY could have resulted from a pre-conceived plan and if so, in what manner the plan most likely would have been executed.

Professor BROPHY advised that he has no concrete information as to whether or not the subject's assignment to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge from CCNY could have resulted from a pre-conceived plan. If a pre-conceived plan did exist, this plan could not be executed by faculty members at CCNY, inasmuch as faculty members at CCNY had no knowledge of the Oak Ridge installation. In addition, no faculty member at CCNY had anything to do with the selection of personnel who were classified or were assigned to the courses at CCNY. This was strictly the function of the Army Second Service Command at Governors Island. Assignment and completion of courses was also strictly the function of the Army Second Service Command, Governors Island. No CCNY faculty member was aware of the subsequent assignment of a student upon completion of courses.

Professor BROPHY advised that if the subject's assignment to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge from the ASTP at CCNY resulted from a pre-conceived plan, it might have been accomplished in the following manner.

The subject's identity must be known to some military personnel connected with the ASTP in the Army Second Service Command at Governors Island, New York. The subject then would be picked by the Army to go through the classification center at CCNY with prior knowledge that the subject possessed the qualifications to rate highly on the machine scored classification test. Once the subject's rating was determined and this information passed to the Army at Governors Island, the subject then, on the basis of the classification test, could be assigned by the Army to CCNY for specific courses, and to the class of ASTP trainees which would be assigned to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge. The subject, who undoubtedly had an excellent educational background, would successfully complete his courses at CCNY, and then having been placed in a strategic class, would be assigned to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge.

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Oak Ridge, and his educational ability was known, it would be unnecessary for his sponsor to assist in having him assigned to Oak Ridge, inasmuch as this assignment was made on a class basis rather than on an individual basis.

Professor BROPHY advised that he wanted to make it clear that this was his theory of how the subject could be assigned to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge, if a pre-conceived plan existed. Professor BROPHY said that he desired to make it clear that he did not know if, in fact, any such plan did exist.

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GEORGE KOVAL;  
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Rereport of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, 5/9/57, at New York.

Colonel DON THACKERAY, Deputy G-2, First Army, New York, advised SA RAYMOND J. KOPP on 6/3/57 that records of the 3024th STAR Unit, Army Specialist Training Unit, City College of New York, were not located at Governors Island, NY, and were most probably located at either the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, or the Kansas City Record Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

By letter dated 5/28/57, St. Louis advised that Mr. THERMON C. HARGROVE, Supervisor, Reference Service Unit, Miscellaneous Records Section, advised that there are no records on file at this Record Center which would contain information relating to administrative procedures of the 3024th STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY, but that such records might be on file at the Kansas City Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

For the information of Kansas City, reference is made to the report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, dated 5/25/56, in captioned matter, a communication previously furnished to that office in this matter.

For the additional information of Kansas City, the subject was possibly engaged in Soviet espionage during 1941-48, and was a former member of the United States Army Specialized Training Program at CCNY during 1943 and 1944. From this organization, he was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District during August, 1944, at the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

It is felt that a knowledge of the administrative procedures of the 3024th STAR Unit, particularly with regard

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to assignment and transfer orders, would be useful in determining who was responsible for KOVAL'S transfer to Oak Ridge.

KOVAL is described as follows:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	December 25, 1913
Place of Birth	Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6'
Weight	170 - 175 lbs.
Hair	Black or dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Radiant, Dark
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
Distinguishing Features	Wears glasses; cane condition on face
Army Serial Number	32702994

Kansas City

Will attempt to locate all available records of the 3024th STAR Unit, ASTU, CCIX, at the Kansas City Record Center, which might provide information relating to the administrative procedures of that Unit, particularly with regard to assignment and transfer orders.

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SAC, Kansas City (65-1450)

GEORGE ROVAL  
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Origin - New York

Re New York letter to Bureau 6/27/57.

On 7/8/57 WILLIAM WALING, Archives Assistant, Kansas City Records Center, the Adjutant General's Office, 6th and Hardisty, Kansas City, Mo., advised SA JACK H. FOREN that he was unable to locate any information concerning the administrative procedures of the 3225th Star Unit ASTU CGWV at the Kansas City Records Center.

He stated he had located two special orders pertaining to the subject which were as follows:

Paragraph C, Special Order No. 20, Army Service Forces, Second Service Command, Hq 3225 SCWU (ASTU), 3201 SCWU (STARS) & 1200 SCWU (LTC), Army Hall, The City College, 1530 Amsterdam Ave., New York 31, N. Y., dated 2/4/44 which reflects that Cpl. GEORGE ROVAL 24706004, Co. A, was transferred to attached unassigned Co. F, 2nd En., ASTU 3225th SCWU to pursue course of instruction in electrical engineering 1 Term C. This order was issued by the order of Colonel COOK, signed by "THEODORE C. NEWMAN, Major, AGD, Adjutant."

Paragraph 3, Special Order No. 157, Army Service Forces, Second Service Command, Hq. 3225 SCWU (ASTU), 1200 SCWU (LTC), Army Hall, The City College, 1530 Amsterdam Ave., New York 31, N.Y., dated 2/4/44 reflected that Cpl. GEORGE ROVAL, 24706004 SEN (371), was attached unassigned

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Dated 7/15/57

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ASTU 3225 CCSU CCNY, New York, N. Y., was transferred to 1st Provisional SLD Unit, Oak Ridge, Tenn., and was to depart 8/9/44 to Co. Commander upon arrival, by order of Major CHRISTIAN, signed by THEODORE C. NEWMAN, Major, AGO, Adjutant.

It is to be noted referenced communication set forth subject's STAB Unit as 3224; however, WALIKOW advised this was actually 3225.

WALIKOW made available to the writer one copy each of the two above mentioned orders which contained names of other enlisted men who were transferred with the subject. He stated he was of the opinion that the administrative procedure of this STAB Unit in regard to assignment and transfer orders could be obtained from the Department Record Branch, Washington 25, D. C. He stated if inquiry was made at that location that the Authority Number would be helpful in locating these records. He stated the Authority Number is as follows: "TAG TAG 13354 SPEC-7 29 July 44."

No lead is being set forth for the Washington Field Office to conduct any investigation in this case in view of the fact it is unknown what investigation has previously been requested by New York who is the office of origin in this case.

For the assistance of the New York Office the copies of the two above-mentioned orders pertaining to the subject are enclosed.

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REGISTERED AIR MAIL

Date: June 14, 1957  
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)  
From: Legat, Ottawa (65-375)  
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
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ReBulet 3-25-57, forwarding a memorandum dated 3-11-57, requesting an interview of Igor Gouzenko.

The [ ] advised in a memorandum dated 6-12-57, designated confidential that Igor Gouzenko has now been interviewed concerning George Koval and the background information concerning subject discussed with Gouzenko, but Gouzenko advised he had no knowledge of Koval and could offer no information regarding subject. b7D

The [ ] advised that their investigator commented that Gouzenko appeared to be somewhat hesitant and reluctant to supply information even though considerable time was spent with him. Gouzenko's reasons for this attitude were not disclosed.

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Date June 25, 1957

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~~NEW YORK~~

Field Division

RE: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Your File 65-16756  
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The enclosed is for your information. If  
used in a future report, ( ) conceal all sources,  
( ) paraphrase contents. ( ) Remarks:

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

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*OKB.* (65-16756)SAC, NEW YORK  
FROM:

Re New York letter 1/17/57 to Bureau.

Enclosed herewith are 1. a copy of the report of  
SAC, NEW YORK, dated 1/17/57 as above.

2. a copy of letter reported by the of informal dis-  
cussion with J. H. GALT, Superintendent of contact and  
assistance, Division of the Immigration, Department of State.  
GALT advised that one of the subject's previous residences  
and employment in Moscow, Russia, was factual, documentation  
proceedings could not be taken against subject, who is a native  
born U.S. citizen, until formal proof of the contributive act by  
him is obtained. As that report, the requested consideration  
be given to the subject an interview with subject at Moscow,  
Russia through utilization of personnel of State Department who is,  
which will be reported to the Bureau in formal communication by subject  
of investigation.

The SAC has considered above recommendation and is  
of the opinion that the suggested action should be deferred  
pending completion of outstanding investigation in this case.

At present, the SAC is conducting a thorough file  
review to obtain investigation results prior to making  
this case to a final conclusion. The Bureau and interested  
offices will be advised upon the completion of the above mentioned  
review.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources were to be concealed.

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Information reported in the report transmitted herewith reflecting agency record checks at Boston, Massachusetts, was furnished to IG JOHN H. GILFORD, JR.

For the information of the Buffalo Office, which office has not received prior communications in this matter, the following summary of investigation conducted to date is set forth:

Investigation conducted <sup>Rele</sup> concerning GEORGE KOVAL has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Radio Electric Company, New York City, owned by BENJAMIN D. KATZ, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet Agent known by the code name "Harvey." During the period August 15, 1944, - January, 1946, while a member of the United States Army, KOVAL was assigned to

the Manhattan Engineering District, (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly has access to information that could have been sent classified to "Top Secret".

In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Reading Corporation, New York City, as a "Commissioned Representative," ROVAL was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. No record of employment with the Atlas Reading Corporation, New York City, could be located for ROVAL.

On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "Mexican", destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1950, at which time his aunt and uncle, GORDON and ELMER GUNSHINS, residents of Shokan, Ohio, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelsohn Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

Information furnished by the GUNSHINS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ADAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not this assignment was the result of a prearranged plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that ADAM is a native born United States citizen, of Polish extraction, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers.

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He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1933 or 1934. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CMU on February 1, 1933.

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RESEARCH

At Rochester, New York:

Will at [redacted]

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attempt to locate and interview Lieutenant Colonel CLAYTON W. WHEELER, WHEELER, who has been designated as formerly in charge of the Classification Unit, AFSS, AFHQ, should be specifically questioned regarding his knowledge of assignment of GALT trainees to Glen Ridge, Connecticut, during 1944. WHEELER's comments regarding the possibility that the subject's assignment to Glen Ridge was the result of a preconceived plan should be obtained.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will recontact WILLIAM RUSSELL SMITH, Signal Laboratories, Los Angeles, California, regarding his correct date and place of birth.

RESEARCH

At Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Will attempt to locate and interview Major HERBERT JEROME BRADY, 52 Highland Avenue, to develop all information recalled by him regarding the AFSS, CMU, to which he was reportedly assigned as intelligence officer during the period 1943-1944. BRADY should be

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questioned in accordance with instructions noted herein for the Buffalo Office regarding the interview with Lieutenant Colonel WATSON.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

\*1. Will attempt to locate and interview MAX LEVITAN at [redacted] NYC, regarding his knowledge of the subject's background and activities.

2. Will attempt to locate and interview MARVIN BERGUS, [redacted] NY, regarding his knowledge of the subject's background and activities.

3. Will interview Dr. BERNARD LEVY, Professor of Romance Languages, Training Section, CCNY, regarding pertinent information concerning ASEP, CCNY.

4. Will at CCNY attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of Dr. WILLIAM DAVIS, former instructor of economics, CCNY, who reportedly was instrumental in establishing ASEP at CCNY.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHRIE, J.L., dated 4/1/57 at NY.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR.</b>	TYPED BY <b>atz</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

SYNOPSIS: Identities of officer personnel assigned 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY, set forth. DANIEL F. BROPHY, Professor, CCNY, was unable to identify subject through name or description. BROPHY stated faculty, CCNY, did not participate in selection of ASTP trainees for field assignments. Comments of BROPHY regarding the possibility subject's assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944 result of preconceived plan set forth. No record of birth for WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE reportedly born 11/19/18, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Major HAROLD JENSON BROWN reportedly assigned to ASTU, CCNY, as intelligence officer, 1943-1944, resides [redacted] Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

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DETAILS:

Identities of Officer Personnel Assigned 3204th STAR Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit, College of the City of New York

On May 16, 1957, personnel of the Miscellaneous Records Section, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, made available to SE JAMES W. ESTEP the personnel and payroll rosters of the 3204th STAR Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit, (ASTU), College of the City of New York, (CCNY), for the period of August, 1943, to June, 1944, (the unit was inactivated in June, 1944).

A review of the rosters and pertinent service records identified officer personnel and their last known addresses as follows:

ANDERSON, ERNEST E. [redacted]

[redacted] Long Island, New York, (1953).

BERCOVITZ, JOSEPH, [redacted]

[redacted] New York, (1953).

CALHOUN, DAVID R., Jr., [redacted]

JOHN K. CALHOUN, [redacted] c/o  
29, Maryland, (1953).

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DORSEY, JOHN W., [redacted]

[redacted] Pennsylvania, (1954).

FULLER, GEORGE W., Jr., ASN O 445 150; deceased, (1953).

GRAHAM, SEWALL J. [redacted]

[redacted] Los Angeles 5, California, (1952).

HENRY, WILLIAM, JR., [redacted]

[redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, (1946).



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HUGHES, EDWARD J., [redacted]  
Minnesota, (1953).

JUDSON, VICTOR J., [redacted]  
[redacted] Massachusetts, (1952).

KAHN, JOSEPH A., [redacted]  
[redacted] Colorado, (1952).

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LAGERQUIST, EDWIN H., [redacted]  
[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, (1945).

VINE, BLAIR N., [redacted]  
[redacted] New Jersey, (1953).

WEBSTER, THOMAS H. III., [redacted]  
[redacted] Maryland, (1955).

The files of the Department of Army, Pentagon, Washington, D. C., as reviewed during June, 1957, disclosed duty assignments or last known home addresses to be indicated for the following officer personnel also assigned to the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU:

BARTHOLET, JOHN C., Lieutenant Colonel

[redacted]  
Army Section, Military Assistance Advisory Group  
[redacted]  
[redacted] - San Francisco, California

BIRDSALL, J. FRANK, JR., Major

[redacted]  
QMC, U. S. Army Reserve  
[redacted]  
[redacted] New York

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CLOUD, BRUCE, B., Lieutenant Colonel

[redacted]  
CE, U. S. Army Reserve  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Texas

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COFFEY, THOMAS J., Captain

[redacted]  
U. S. Army Reserve

[redacted]  
New York

LEE, CHESTER, A., Lieutenant Colonel

[redacted]  
Munich Detachment [redacted]

[redacted] New York

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LEE, FRANKLIN WHITE, Captain

[redacted]  
Honorary Reserve

[redacted] Massachusetts

MITCHELL, PAUL V., Major

[redacted]  
U. S. Army Reserve

[redacted] Virginia

(February, 1957)

RISSE, HUBERT E., Major

[redacted]  
U. S. Army Reserve

[redacted] Kansas

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WETZEL, CLAYTON W., Lieutenant Colonel

[redacted]  
U. S. Army Reserve

[redacted] New York

WORTHINGTON, STANLEY W., Captain

ASN O 254 097

U. S. Army Reserve

Died June 21, 1948; report of death dated

September 3, 1954.

Last home address

116 Lake Street

Saranac Lake, New York

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Interview With DANIEL F. BROPHY, Westport, Connecticut

Professor DANIEL F. BROPHY of CCNY, was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] Road, Westport, Connecticut, on June 12, 1957, by SA LLOYD S. GOODROW and stated as follows:

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Professor BROPHY advised that the Army Specialized Training Program, (ASTP) functioned at CCNY from May, 1943, to May or June, 1944. Under this program, the Army, through the Second Service Command, Governors Island, New York, brought to CCNY a large number of personnel from all over the United States to be tested and classified as to their abilities along given lines. All military personnel who took classification tests at CCNY had their examinations scored by an IBM punch card machine operation. Once the machine scoring of the classification test had been completed and an individual's ability along specialized lines determined, subsequent examinations were conducted to determine an individual's knowledge in his specialized field.

Results of the examinations conducted were forwarded to the Second Service Command at Governors Island, New York, and the military, through the Second Service Command at Governors Island, determined an individual's specific assignment to a teaching unit.

Determination of who took a classification examination, and where an individual was assigned for instruction subsequent to classification, was entirely within the province of the Second Service Command, Governors Island, New York.

If the military assigned an individual for instruction at CCNY, this individual received his instructions from faculty members of CCNY rather than from military instructors.

Actual supervision of instruction of military personnel at CCNY was handled by Dr. BERNARD LEVY, who is now a Professor of Romance languages in the Evening Session at CCNY. Neither Dr. LEVY nor any other

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civilian personnel at CCNY had any responsibility as to whether military personnel showed up in class, or for the actions of military personnel while outside of class.

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Major CLAYTON WETZEL, formerly assigned to the ASTP Classification Unit, present whereabouts not known.

Dr. WILLIAM DAVIS, former instructor in economics, CCNY, present whereabouts not known. DAVIS, according to Professor BROPHY, was instrumental in getting the ASTP program in at CCNY through the influence of a senator, name unknown to Professor BROPHY.

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WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE

Records of the Division of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, as reviewed on March 15, 1957, for the birth date November 19, 1918, disclosed no record for the name WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Incorporated, and records of the Massachusetts Board of Probation, central repository for all criminal conviction records for that state, as reviewed on April 3, 1957, at Boston, Massachusetts, disclosed no record for the name WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE.

On April 23, 1957, Mrs. GLADYS LYNCH, Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR., that she could find no birth record for the name WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE in the records of the City Clerk's Office.

Concerning the above, it is noted that the passport file for WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, as reviewed at the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D. C., by SA DONALD S. GODDARD, on July 2, 1956, disclosed the following:

WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE executed an application for a passport on December 16, 1952, in Los Angeles County, California, and was issued Passport Number 762642 on December 23, 1952. HOSE listed his date and place of birth as November 19, 1918, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in his application for passport.

T-1, a firm engaging and collecting reports concerning business enterprises in the Los Angeles area, made available information on February 21, 1956, that WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, a partner of the company Signet Laboratories, Los Angeles, California, listed his birth as during 1918 in the State of Michigan.

When interviewed, by SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE at her residence in La Verne, California, on October 16, 1956, JEAN MORDETSKY, self-described as subject's

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girl friend during the period 1946 - 1948, identified a photograph of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE as an individual she met at a 1950 New Years party in Los Angeles, California. MORDETZKY recalled HOSE as having stated, at the party, that he had known the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the latter part of World War II, and knew a woman who had told him she had seen KOVAL in Europe.

WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE was reinterviewed on October 29, 1956, at his place of business, Signet Laboratories, Los Angeles, California, and reiterated previous denials of having met MORDETZKY, and knowing or having contact with the subject at any time.

Major HAROLD JENSON BROWN

The files of the Department of the Army, Pentagon, Washington, D. C., as reviewed during April, 1957, disclosed a service record for Major HAROLD JENSON BROWN, a current resident at [ ] Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

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It is noted that when interviewed by SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., on February 26, 1957, Colonel RAYMOND P. COOK, former commanding officer ASTP, GCNY, identified Major HAROLD BROWN, last known to be residing in New Jersey, as the Intelligence Officer ASTP, GCNY, 1943-1944.

MARVIN MARCUS

The records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles, caused to be searched by SA WILLIAM D. HOSKINS on June 25, 1957, disclosed the following background information for MARVIN MARCUS, a resident of 16: Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York:

Age 36, born. June 11, 1921; business address, 15 Park Row, New York City.



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The files of the New York Office of the FBI as reviewed on July 8, 1957, by SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., disclosed the following information identifiable with MARVIN MARCUS, mentioned above:

T-2 made available material on July 19, 1956, which had formerly been maintained in the apartment of STEPHEN J. WHITE, [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York. A review of that material disclosed that MARVIN MARCUS, [redacted] Bronx, New York, telephone number TA 2-2906, is listed as the treasurer of the Parkchester Club of the American Labor Party, (ALP).

T-3 advised on July 14, 1954, that STEPHEN WHITE, at the time a Communist Party member, was elected chairman of the Bronx ALP a few years ago in place of BILL TAYLOR who was too well known as a Communist to hold that position.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Concerning MARVIN MARCUS, it is noted that LEONARD FIELDS, a former acquaintance of the subject during the period 1946-1948, advised SA WHIDBEE on June 8, 1956, that one MARVIN MARCUS, a former student at CCNY, "associated freely" with the subject prior to 1948.

It is not known whether or not MARVIN MARCUS, a resident at [redacted] Bronx, New York, is identical with the MARVIN MARCUS described above as a former associate of the subject.

#### Miscellaneous

Colonel DONALD THACKERAY, Deputy G-2, First Army, Governors Island, New York, advised SA RAYMOND J. KOPP on June 3, 1957, that the records of the First Army failed to disclose a record for World War II ASTU or STAR units. Colonel THACKERAY suggested that the above records might possibly be located at the United States Army, Kansas City Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

#### ENCLOSURE: TO BUFFALO

One (1) photograph of subject taken during 1948.

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AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, reflects the following citation concerning the American Labor Party:

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p.78).

"2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the \* \* \* American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p.91)".

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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New York, New York:  
July 22, 1957

Re: GEORGE HOTAL  
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Report of SA WILLIAM C. GUERRE, JR.,  
July 22, 1957, at New York.

The reliability of informants mentioned  
in above report is as follows:

T-1, T-2, and T-3, are informants who  
have furnished reliable information in the past.

- 5-Bureau (65-62911)
- 2-Buffalo (Enc. 1)
- 2-Los Angeles (65-6124)
- 2-Newark (65-4778)
- 3-New York (65-16756)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (15-68911)

7/31/57

SAC, NEW YORK (15-1470)

MURDER OF  
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Re: SA JOHN BRINKLEY, Boston, 7/1/57;  
Fitzgerald letter to Director, 5/21/57.

Dr. WILLIAM HOWARD RAY, presently employed by General Electric, a Division of General Dynamics, San Diego, as a Health Psychologist, advised SA EDWARD V. SULLIVAN on 7/22/57 he was residing in 1945 and probably in 1946 at Oak Ridge, Tenn. RAY had contact at this facility until he was transferred to Dayton, Ohio, where he was employed on the staff of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. RAY's facility, in Dayton, Ohio, was the "Food Laboratory".

Dr. RAY, who was a psychologist in the capacity of Health Psychologist, said he tried to interest subjects in psychology as a Health Psychologist without success. He told SA on one occasion that he, RAY, was in New York in 1946 again, via telephone, he interest RAY in this field, but was again unsuccessful. He believes RAY'S claim about his interest in psychology.

Dr. RAY recalled that during RAY'S imprisonment he visited under Dr. BERNIE ROSE, who is presently employed at the New Hospital in New York City as a Radiologist.

Dr. RAY said the last date he had visual contact with RAY was either 1946 or 1947. However, he was inclined to believe it was later than 1946, and in any event prior to 1947. He was positive he has not seen RAY since he was released from the AEC. He said, however, he was able to recognize RAY'S voice over the telephone in New York. He believes this was in 1947, 1948 or 1949. That date was positive. RAY was a civilian at this time, had completed his education and received a degree. He said that Mr. EARL BOSTON, who is in charge of the New York Office of the AEC, advised he was DISCHERD (NY) and would RAY.

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Mr. RAY said, concerning the background of KOVAL, it is his recollection KOVAL grew up in New York. He was unable to offer further information. He said that since KOVAL was in the Army he is of the opinion the Oak Ridge files on employees of this project would be of little value.

With reference to associates of KOVAL, Mr. RAY said he believes there were associated to Army personnel. He was unable to recall the names of these associates, except that of JOHN BRADLEY, who was in the Army with subject. BRADLEY is still employed with the Reactor Project. BRADLEY was transferred with KOVAL, as well as possibly another member of the armed forces whose name he was unable to recall, from Oak Ridge to Dayton. He said that Dayton was in need of Health Physicists, and this was the reason for the transfer. KOVAL and BRADLEY were picked because of their excellent work record and their transfers occurred at about the time of the atom bombing of Japan. He said also that STEVEN ELGOT, who is now employed by the AEC, in one of the Radiation Laboratories of the University of California as a Health Physicist might recall KOVAL.

Mr. RAY said the extent of his association with KOVAL was in the capacity of his work, and he did not associate with KOVAL socially.

Mr. RAY said it was his recollection that KOVAL wrote a paper on measuring Radiological Activity. He said this paper was nothing out of the ordinary, but he felt KOVAL did good work by taking the trouble to compile the information set forth. He characterized KOVAL as a solid, dependable sort of person "all the way through". In addition, he said he felt KOVAL was a loyal employee.

No leads are being set out for interview with the persons mentioned in this communication as it is not known whether they have already been contacted.

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Letter to SOUTH DAKOTA, Houston, 6/1/57;  
Letter to Director, 6/4/57.

SA WILLIAM HOWARD RAY, presently employed by General Electric, a Division of General Dynamics, San Diego, as a Health Physicist, advised SA FRANK V. SULLIVAN on 7/23/57 as follows: In 1945 and possibly in 1946 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, HOWARD was employed at this facility until he was transferred to Dayton, Ohio, where he was employed on the Industrial Project of the Ohio State Coal Company. This facility is presently known as the "Round Laboratory".

Mr. RAY, who was employed in the capacity of Health Physicist, said he takes no interest subject in assuming a position as a Health Physicist without process. He said that on one occasion when Mr. RAY was in New York, he contacted, via telephone, a contact known to him as "JOHN" who was working in the field of engineering. He believed HOWARD was involved in the field of engineering.

Mr. RAY recalled that during HOWARD's employment he worked under Dr. BERNIE ROSE, who is presently employed at the Beth Hospital in New York City as a Radiologist.

Mr. RAY said the last date he had visual contact with HOWARD was either 1945 or 1946. However, he was unable to confirm it might have been 1945, and in any event was prior to 1950. He was positive he has not seen HOWARD since he was released from the Army. He said, however, he was able to recognize HOWARD'S voice over the telephone in New York. He believes this was in 1947, 1948 or 1949, exact date not recalled. HOWARD was a civilian at this time, had completed his education and received a degree. He said that Dr. EARL BROWN was in charge of the New York Office of the AEC, and that Dr. BROWN was (REDACTED) married HOWARD.

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Mr. RAY said, concerning the background of KOVIL, he as his recollector KOVIL grew up in New York. He was unable to give further information. He said that since KOVIL was in the Army he is of the opinion the Oak Ridge files on employees of this project would be of little value.

With reference to associates of KOVIL, Mr. RAY said he believed these were associated to Army personnel. He was unable to recall the names of these associates, except that of JOHN SHIMMEL, who was in the Army with subject. SHIMMEL is still employed with the Atomic Project. SHIMMEL was transferred with KOVIL, as well as possibly another cadre of the same forces whose name he was unable to recall, from Oak Ridge to Dayton. He said that Dayton was in care of Health Physicists, and this was the reason for his transfer. KOVIL and SHIMMEL were picked because of their excellent work record and their excellent education at about the time of the atom bombing of Japan. He said also that RICHARD BECKE, who is now employed by the AEC, is one of the Radiation Laboratories of the University of California as a Health Physicist might recall SHIMMEL.

Mr. RAY said the extent of his association with KOVIL was in the capacity of his work, and he did not associate with KOVIL socially.

Mr. RAY said he as his recollection that KOVIL was engaged in Atomic Radiological Activity. He said this person was nothing out of the ordinary, but he felt KOVIL did his work by taking the trouble to compile the information out of the AEC characterized KOVIL as a solid, responsible sort of person "all the way through". In addition, he said he felt KOVIL was a loyal employee.

Mr. Ladd and Tamm set out for interview with the persons mentioned in their communication as it is not known at this time they have already been contacted.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Bureau letter dated 11/25/50, captioned  
"HANS CHRISTIAN PIENK, was.; ESPIONAGE - R" (Bu file  
100-365359) furnished the HFO results of an interview  
conducted with PIENK by British Intelligence during April,  
1950.

PIENK, who is a Dutch National, admitted  
membership in the Dutch Communist Party (CP) during the  
1920's and subsequent recruitment by the Russian Intelligence  
Service during 1932. PIENK described in some detail his  
activities as a Soviet agent during the period 1932-1937.

Of significance to instant investigation  
were PIENK's statements regarding his recollection of a  
Soviet agent known as "HANS or HARRY" which disclosed the  
following:

Description: height, about 6' 1"; black hair;  
dark eyes, wore spectacles; childish face; always appeared  
to be smiling; Soviet national; appeared to come from the  
Caucasus or Kirghistan, as he was slightly Asiatic in  
appearance; had engineering experience; spoke English with  
an American accent. HANS knew America and England very well  
and had a good knowledge of English life and customs. PIENK  
believed HANS had been in America some time between 1920  
and 1930.

PIENK described "HANS or HARRY" as his espionage  
principal during the period 1933-1936. He stated he first  
met the latter in Amsterdam and last saw him in Paris, France.  
He recalled that "HANS or HARRY" had a very good knowledge of  
the British Foreign Office and was known to Soviet agents  
AUD.IG, PIENK, and J.M. PIG.

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LUDWIG, mentioned above, was identified by PILCH as Imnaco Reiss, a Soviet agent who was assassinated by the Soviets for defection. J.H. KING was identified as a Soviet intelligence source in England and the individual referred to as PETER was identified as THEODORE E. PAUL, wa. Paul Hardt, a Soviet intelligence agent in England during the 1930's.

The descriptive data and background information furnished for "HANS or MAX X" suggests the possibility that he may be identical with GEORGE ROVAL. The physical description of "6' 1"; black hair, wore spectacles; childish face" is identical with the subject's description. The background information of "engineering experience; spoke English with an American accent, lived in America and in England very well; had been in America sometime between 1920-1930" also compares favorably with the subject's known background.

It is recalled that previous investigation has disclosed that the subject was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on 12/15/13. He resided in that city until 1932, following his completion of 2 years study in electrical engineering at the University of Iowa. During May, 1932, subject's father, ABRAHAM, was issued a passport permitting travel to England, Poland or Russia. It is believed that the ROVAL family departed the US for Russia around May or June, 1932. Although investigation has not indicated residence or activity of the subject in England, it is conceivable that he may have left his family in England during 1932 to pursue an espionage assignment. The subject was only 20 years of age in 1933, which factor tends to disqualify him as a likely suspect for "HANS or MAX X." However, in considering PILCH's descriptive comment that "HANS or MAX X" had a childish face, it is possible that the latter was a young man at the time.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of directing its liaison representative at London, England, to have HANS CHRISTIAN PILCH interviewed regarding the subject to determine if the latter is identical with "HANS or MAX X."

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PIECK is the subject of a pending IS - R investigation instituted by the NYO during June, 1957. The investigation was predicated upon inquiry by CIA regarding PIECK's divorced wife, GEORGINA VAN GELDER and her brother MAURICE VAN GELDER who presently reside in New York. Since the purpose of the investigation is to interview the VAN GELDERS regarding PIECK it is believed that the suggested contact with the latter regarding GEORGE ROY L would not jeopardize the investigation re PIECK.

The only information available to the NYO regarding PIECK's whereabouts is that in 1950 he resided in the Netherlands. It would appear, however, that PIECK's present or previous whereabouts would be known to British Intelligence.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 5 copies of a blind memorandum summarizing the information that has been developed concerning the subject.

Passport photographs of the subject taken during 1932 and 1948 are also enclosed to the Bureau.

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On October 1, 1953, the Bureau of the United States Coast Guard, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914

Information furnished by the informant was based on a letter written by the subject to J. H. HARRIS, Director, Bureau of Investigation, dated 10/1/41. Other than the above information, the probable activities of the various IPRs, Agent and informant were in the hands of the unknown.

Available from: <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/19998/19998-h/19998-h.htm>

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George William, of Polish extraction, who founded the United States in 1933, with his parents and brothers. He usually resided in either or outside the United States from 1931 to 1933 or 1941. He is identified as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1931 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of New York on November 1, 1943. The subject is described as follows:

Name	George W. Hall
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	5' 11"
Weight	170-175
Hair	Black - dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
Marital Status	Single
Physical Condition	Very good; none condition on record.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-52911)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re: SA WALTER G. GUINELL, JR., 7/22/57  
at New York; New York letter to Bureau,  
7/22/57.

On 8/2/57, WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE was recontacted by  
SA HARRY H. WHITBEE at Signal Laboratories, 614 N. LaPeer Rd.,  
Los Angeles. ROSE advised he was born 11/19/1918 at Cambridge,  
Mass. He said his father's name was HARRY E. ROSE and his  
mother's name was ESMER ROSE, nee BOOVNER. ROSE advised  
specifically that he was not born in the State of Michigan  
and in fact, had never even resided in the State of Michigan.

New York may desire Boston to recheck records of the  
City Clerk, Cambridge, Mass., and the Division of Vital Sta-  
tistics at Boston, to verify ROSE's birth date with the addi-  
tional information concerning the names of his parents.

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- 2 - New York (65-16756) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Boston (65-3981) (INFO) (REGISTERED)
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>9/5/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/26, 27/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <b>MARK H. TUGHEY, JR.</b>	Typed By: <b>fed</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

Synopsis:

CLAYTON W. WETZEL, Rochester, N.Y., classification officer 3204th Star Unit, ASTU, CONY, approximately April, 1943-May, 1944, unable to identify subject through photograph, name or description. WETZEL stated his classification section only made general recommendations regarding assignment ASTP personnel; that actual assignments handled by Second Service Command Headquarters, U.S. Army, Governors Island, N.Y. WETZEL's comments regarding possibility that subject's assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee during 1944, result of preconceived plan set forth. WETZEL not aware that any preconceived plan actually did exist.

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DETAILS: On August 26, 1957, Mr. CLAYTON W. WETZEL, Superintendent of Building, Sibley Tower Building, Room 738, 25 North Street, Rochester, New York, advised that from approximately April, 1943 to May, 1944, he was the classification officer for

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the 3304th Star Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), stationed at the College of the City of New York (CCNY), New York City. Mr. FRIEDL stated that as much as he was in charge of the classification section of the above unit and had a staff working under him. He advised that the 3304th Star Unit was responsible to the Second Service Command, G-2, Army, located at Governors Island, New York.

Mr. FRIEDL also stated that the Army's Specialized Training Program (ASTP) functioned at CCNY from approximately May, 1943 to May or June, 1944.

A photograph of the subject was displayed to Mr. FRIEDL. He stated that the subject was unknown to him. He also was unable to identify the subject through name or description.

Mr. FRIEDL stated that candidates for the ASTU program from the Greater New York area were processed by the 3304th Star Unit, ASTU. Mr. FRIEDL said that the candidates were tested by this unit after which a board met to determine where the various candidates should be placed as to medical, scientific, mathematical etc. abilities. Mr. FRIEDL advised that he was a member of this board and that it is his recollection that the board only made several recommendations regarding assignment of ASTU personnel. He said that to further clarify this, he might note that an individual who possessed good potential as a future medical student, would probably be recommended by the board for further training and education along the medical line. He said that on the other hand if an individual proved to be good in mathematics, he probably would be recommended for further training and education in the field of Science. Continuing, Mr. FRIEDL advised that these recommendations by the board were then forwarded to the Second Service Command at Governors Island, where the actual assignments to the various colleges and schools were made.

Mr. FRIEDL stated that he has no information or knowledge regarding specific assignments of ASTU trainees to various colleges. He reiterated that that type of

assignment would have come directly from Second Service Command Headquarters at Governors Island.

Mr. WHEELER advised that if the subject's assignment to the USS, Tennessee was the result of a preconceived plan, it might have been accomplished in the following manner:

Someone in the Second Service Command Headquarters at Governors Island, would have to be aware of the subject's identity. The subject would then be placed by the Army to an Island. The classification would remain at LONE with special knowledge on the part of the Army that the subject possessed the necessary qualifications to able work on the classification test. After the subject's rating was determined and the Army at Governors Island made aware of this, the subject then by the basis of the classification test, would be assigned by the Army to in this instance work for specific course. The subject then subsequently, would be assigned to the class of ACP trainees who were scheduled for assignment at the place, Tennessee. Once the subject became a member of the class destined class, the subject would have no further problem in eventually getting to the place and carrying out the end of the preconceived plan.

Mr. WHEELER stated that during the spring of 1947, the Army was finding it extremely difficult to locate qualified persons to fill the ranks of the Army. Mr. WHEELER advised that if an individual came along who had excellent qualifications in the scientific field, he would not doubt be assigned to a unit destined for a strategic area. Mr. WHEELER said that in such a case it would be quite probable that the individual would have been assigned to some area like Ft. Belvoir, Tennessee.

Mr. WHEELER cautioned however, that he is not positive where that any preconceived plan was in existence and that the above represented only his theory of how such a plan could have been carried out if such one existed.



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GEORGE KOVAL  
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Attached herewith is the report of SA MARK H. STONE, JR., dated 9/5/57 at Buffalo.

For the information of the New York Office, CLAYTON W. WETZEL advised when interviewed August 26, 1957, that one (FNU) KARP or CARP who held the rank of Corporal, was assigned to the 320th Star Unit during the approximate period April, 1943 - May, 1944. According to Mr. WETZEL, this person was in charge of the mechanical testing group and was in rather close contact with ASTP trainees. Mr. WETZEL said that this person was quite intelligent and personable and might possibly have been in a position to recall the subject.

Mr. WETZEL said that he wished to emphasize the fact that he had no knowledge that this person was an acquaintance of the subject or actually knew him but was only making the suggestion that he be contacted because of his close contact with the various ASTP trainees. Mr. WETZEL advised that KARP or CARP was from the New York City area and that his present whereabouts are unknown.

New York should give consideration to checking appropriate records in an effort to locate the above mentioned person if pertinent.

The report has been classified ~~confidential~~ inasmuch as it contains information possibly affecting the security of the United States.

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New York letter to the Director, dated 7/22/57.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOJAL</b>		Report Made by <b>JOHN JOSEPH REID, JR.</b>	Typed By: <b>bek</b>
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Synopsis:

HAROLD JENSEN BROWN, former United States Army major, assigned to ACIF, COMH in 1943 and 1944, advised that subject unknown to him. BROWN believes that a committee of professors selected trainees for classified project in about 1944.

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DETAILS:

DAVID JIMMIE BROWN, former major, United States Army, assigned to Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), College of the City of New York (CCNY), during 1943 and 1944, was interviewed on August 27, 1957, by SAs JAMES F. RUTHER and JOHN JOSEPH REID, JR. BROWN is a counsellor at law at 14 Washington Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

BROWN advised that he was assigned as the security officer at CCNY, ASTP. A photograph of EUGENE ROVAL was displayed to BROWN. He said that ROVAL was unknown to him. He also stated that he was unable to identify EUGENE ROVAL through name or description.

ROVAL advised that the War Center Service Unit at CCNY was a classified unit of the ASTP. He said that trainees were usually screened by this unit and assigned various courses of study under the program.

BROWN stated that he has no knowledge concerning the selection or assignment of the ASTP trips to the Oak Ridge Project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944. BROWN advised that he does not believe it was possible for a trainee to have himself assigned for a specific project unless the trainee was part of a well thought of plan. BROWN explained that there were many unpredictable events which would take place during the selection of trainees for study and projects, thus making it almost impossible for a trainee to be assigned only one specific project.

BROWN further advised that he does recall that in approximately 1944 a professor or dean from an unrecalled New England college, possibly Harvard, had visited CCNY. The purpose of the visit was to select trainees for a classified Government project, the name of which he did not know. BROWN said that at a later date he heard from unrecalled sources that a group of trainees at the ASTP in CCNY were selected for the atomic project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. BROWN added that he did not know whether the group of trainees who were selected for a classified Government project were assigned to Oak Ridge.

BROWN advised that this professor or dean visited CCNY unexpectedly in about 1944. He explained that the school authorities were not previously made aware of his visit. BROWN said that this professor asked for the cooperation of the school authorities in selecting and screening trainees for a secret

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BROWN stated that this unrecalled professor headed a committee of three or four GCMF professors to screen the trainees for the project. BROWN said that he did not recall the name of the GCMF professors. However, he believed that one WALTER LITTLE, a dean of the Evening Session of the AAFP, and professor of English at GCMF, was a member of the selecting committee. BROWN said that he believed that Major CLAYTON W. WATZEL who headed the Classified Unit of the AAFP at GCMF in about 1944 may possibly be able to supply more detailed information regarding this project. BROWN said that WATZEL may also be able to identify some of the professors who were on the selecting committee referred to above.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

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DATE: 9/13/57

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (65-4778)

SUBJECT: GEORGE ROVAL  
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of  
SA JOHN JOSEPH BLAD, JR. dated and captioned as above.

Copies of this report are also being made available  
to New York.

This report is being classified confidential  
inasmuch as it contains information that is of such a nature  
that its disclosure would be prejudicial to the defense interests  
of the United States.

HAROLD JIMCEN BROWN, during the interview conducted  
with him on 8/27/57, advised that he could not recall the names  
of COMB professors who had taught there during the period of  
1943-1944.

Newark did not set forth a lead to interview  
Lieutenant Colonel CLAYTON W. WETZEL inasmuch as this lead  
was set forth in referenced communication. It is to be noted  
that HAROLD JIMCEN BROWN knew WETZEL as a major in the United  
States Army in about 1944.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ALGER G. GUTHRIE, JR. dated 7/22/57  
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New York letter to Bureau dated 7/22/57.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Rerep SA John Joseph Reid, Jr., dated 9/13/57, which was classified ~~Confidential~~ as it "contains information that is of such a nature that its disclosure would be prejudicial to the defense interests of the United States."

While rerep refers to matters connected with a classified program, the information contained in rerep is not of such nature as to reveal any classified aspects of that program. The classification of Confidential should, therefore, be deleted from the copies of the report in your office and in the New York Office. The classification has been deleted from the copies furnished to the Bureau.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER C. GUTHRIE, JR.</b>	TYPED BY <b>per</b>
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SYNOPSIS:

Dr. BERNARD LEVY, CCNY, stated he had no affiliation with engineering units of ASTP, CCNY and could not recall information regarding military assignments from ASTP. WILLIAM HOWARD RAY stated he knew the subject in 1945 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee; recalled KOVAL had worked under Dr. BERNIE WOLF, employed Mount Sinai Hospital, NYC; described PAUL KLEVIN, NY Operations Office, AEC, as possible source of information regarding subject. No record of tenancy for MAX LEVITAN at 213 East 89th Street, NYC. MARVIN MARCUS, 16 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, stated that name GEORGE KOVAL is unfamiliar and was unable to identify photograph of the subject. WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE stated he was born 11/19/18, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Records relating to administrative procedure 3225 Star Unit, ASTU believed to be filed at Department Record Branch, Washington, D.C.

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DETAILS:

Interview of Dr. BERNARD LEVY

Dr. BERNARD LEVY, Professor of Romance Languages, College of the City of New York (CCNY) was interviewed by SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, Jr., on October 28, 1957, and stated as follows:

During the period 1943-1944, he was in charge of the Foreign Language Section of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at CCNY. In addition to teaching, his duties included the following:

Supervisor of foreign information training of ASTP personnel.

Consultation with CCNY faculty and ASTP officers regarding the progress of trainees including making recommendations regarding those trainees who failed to maintain the required academic standards.

Dr. LEVY stated he had no affiliation with the various engineering units of ASTP and could not furnish information concerning those branches. He could not recall any specific information regarding military assignments from the ASTP but believed that assignments were made exclusively by the Army and were in no way influenced by the CCNY faculty. Dr. LEVY stated that the name GEORGE KOVAL was unknown to him and was unable to identify a photograph of the subject as being of an individual whom he had known or met.

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Concerning the above, when interviewed by SA LLOYD S. GOODROW on June 12, 1957, Professor DANIEL F. BROPHY, CCNY, suggested Dr. LEVY as a possible source of information concerning the ASTP, CCNY and military assignments therefrom.

Interview with WILLIAM HOWARD RAY

WILLIAM HOWARD RAY, employed as a Health Physicist, General Atomics, a division of General Dynamics, San Diego, California, advised SA FRANK V. SULLIVAN of the following on July 22, 1957:

He knew the subject during 1945 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. KOVAL was employed at that facility until he was transferred to Dayton, Ohio, where he was employed with the Manhattan Project at the Monsanto Chemical Company.

RAY stated that his last visual contact with KOVAL was during 1946 or 1947. He recalled that he telephonically contacted the subject at New York sometime during the period 1947-1949 in an attempt to interest the subject in a position opportunity as a health physicist. He recalled that KOVAL was not interested in the position and that his main interest was in electrical engineering. At the time of his telephonic contact with KOVAL, the latter was a civilian and had recently acquired a degree in electrical engineering.

Regarding KOVAL's employment with the Manhattan Project, RAY stated KOVAL worked under Dr. BERNIE WOLF, who is presently employed as a radiologist at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

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PAUL KLEVIN, identified as presently in charge of the New York Operations Office of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) was described as a possible source of information concerning the subject.

RAY described the extent of his association with KOVAL as having been restricted to their mutual employment with <sup>the</sup> Manhattan Project during World War II and stated he did not associate with KOVAL socially. He characterized KOVAL as a solid, dependable sort of person "all the way through" and considered him a loyal employee.

BERNARD SOLOMON WOLF, aka: Bernard Saul Wolf

BELLE TRACHTENBERG, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Mount Sinai Hospital, 11 East 100th Street, New York City, advised SA HULON D. COCKRELL during June 1954 that BERNARD SOLOMON WOLF is employed as a radiologist at that hospital. His residence address was listed as 1215 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

MAUREEN CADOGAN, Secretary, Personnel Division, AEC, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, made available during June 1954, to SA PAUL CURTIS GORDON, Jr., employment records which disclosed that BERNARD SOLOMON WOLF served in the United States Army from March 25, 1944, to March 23, 1947. On May 23, 1947, WOLF received a temporary appointment from the AEC as Medical Director, P-8, which was designated as a regular appointment on January 9, 1949. WOLF was employed continuously until October 3, 1949, at which time he voluntarily resigned his position.

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On July 30, 1956, an undated and unsigned typewritten letter was received at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The envelope containing the letter was postmarked July 28, 1956, at Brooklyn 2, New York. Contents of the letter are as follows :

"Dr. Bernard Saul Wolf, 425 W. 205th Street, New York, NY, about 45, 5-5, 180 lbs. Said to be an important communist.

"He was director of the Medical Division at the Atomic Energy Commission, N.Y. Office until about 5 years ago. He resigned and accepted a position with the Mt. Sinai Hospital, N.Y.C.

"He was an army captain. Was with the Agency when it was called the Manhattan Project. Was among the early committees that went to Japan to study the effects of the atom bomb. As a doctor, he is said to try, when possible, bad practice on anti-communists."

On August 7, 1956, HARRY R. WALSH, Chief, Personnel Clearance Branch, Security Division, AEC, New York City, advised SA JOHN J. DANAHY that BERNARD WOLF was employed as Medical Director of the New York Operations Office, AEC, from May 23, 1947, to October 3, 1949, when he voluntarily resigned. Further, that WOLF holds a current Q clearance, reinstated October 18, 1949, as a consultant to the New York Operations Office, AEC.

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PAUL KLEVIN

CATHERINE SHERLOCK, Personnel Division, AEC, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, advised SA GORDON during June, 1954, that PAUL B. KLEVIN has been continuously employed as a physicist with that agency at 70 Columbus Avenue since October 27, 1947.

MAX LEVITAN

When interviewed by SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE at LaVerne, California, on October 16, 1956, JEAN MORDETZKY, subject's girlfriend during the period 1946-1948, stated that the subject was acquainted with a zoology professor at Columbia University (CU), New York City during the period 1947-1948.

Upon being informed by SA WHIDBEE of the identities of faculty members of the Zoology Department, CU, 1947-1948, MORDETZKY commented as follows:

She vaguely recalled the first name of the zoology professor as MAX and therefore suggested the possibility that MAX LEVITAN, described to her as a graduate student employed in the Zoology Department, CU, may be identical with subject's former acquaintance. MORDETZKY emphatically stated that the surname LEVITAN is totally unfamiliar to her.

MADELINE SCULLY, Assistant to the Registrar, CU, New York City, advised SA GERALD P. REIDY on September 30, 1957, that the alumni and faculty records of that university failed to disclose a current address for MAX LEVITAN and that his last known address was at 213 East 89th Street, New York City during 1950.

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JOSEPH ZEIDER, Superintendent, 213 East 89th Street, New York City, advised SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., on October 2, 1957, that the tenancy records of that apartment house for the period January, 1950 to the present failed to disclose a record for MAX LEVITAN, or the surname of LEVITAN.

Miss SCULLY advised SA REIDY on October 14, 1957, that inquiry of CU faculty members disclosed that MAX LEVITAN reportedly had moved to the State of Virginia during 1950, exact address and place of employment unknown.

MARVIN MARCUS

MARVIN MARCUS, 16 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, advised SA GUTHEIL of the following on September 19, 1957:

He attended CCNY from June, 1946 until his graduation during June, 1949. He majored in Business Administration and attended classes at the business school annex of CCNY at 23rd Street, New York City. He described the name GEORGE KOVAL as unfamiliar and was unable to identify a photograph of the subject as being of an individual he had known or met. He also denied having met or known an individual named LEONARD FIELDS.

He denied any connection with the ASTP, CCNY during World War II, although he was aware of the program and knew several individuals who had been members of the program. He stated that he vaguely recalled a student of engineering at CCNY during the approximate period 1946-1948 who also was named MARVIN MARCUS



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but was not related to him.

Concerning MARVIN MARCUS it is noted that LEONARD FIELDS, a former acquaintance of the subject during period 1946-1948, advised SA WHIDBEE on June 8, 1956, that one MARVIN MARCUS, a former student at CCNY "associated freely" with the subject prior to 1948.

HELEN NOACH, Alumni Association, CCNY, advised SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON on December 18, 1956 that MARVIN MARCUS was graduated from CCNY on June 22, 1948, with a degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. At the time of his graduation, MARCUS listed his residence as being at 2160 Clinton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

EUNICE OLSEN, Superintendent, 2160 Clinton Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA GUTHEIL on January 4, 1957, that the tenancy records of that apartment house were recently destroyed through the year 1952. It was noted that no one by the name of MARCUS is a current resident at 2160 Clinton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE

WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE was recontacted at his place of employment, Signet Laboratories, 614 North LaPeer Drive, Los Angeles, California, on August 2, 1957, by SA WHIDBEE. He stated he was born on November 19, 1918, at Cambridge, Massachusetts. He said that his father's name was HARRY E. HOSE and that his mother's name was ESTHER HOSE, nee BOSVMER.

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Concerning the above, it is noted that records of the Division of Vital Statistics, Boston, Massachusetts, as reviewed on March 15, 1957, for the birth date November 19, 1918, disclosed no record for the name WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE.

During <sup>an</sup> interview with JEAN MORDETZKY at LaVerne, California, by SA WHIDBEE on October 16, 1956, MORDETZKY identified a photograph of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE as an individual she had met at a 1950 New Year's Eve Party in Los Angeles, California.

MORDETZKY recalled HOSE as having stated, at the party, that <sup>he</sup> had known the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during <sup>the</sup> latter part of World War II.

When interviewed by SA WHIDBEE at Los Angeles, California, on October 29, 1956, HOSE reiterated previous denials of having met MORDETZKY and knowing or having had contact with the subject at any time.

#### Miscellaneous

WILLIAM WALLINOW, Archives Assistant, Kansas City Records Center, Adjutant General's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised SA JACK H. PORTER on July 8, 1957, that he was unable to locate any information concerning the administrative procedures of the 3225 STAR Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), CCNY.

WALLINOW made available to SA PORTER two special orders pertaining to the subject which are as follows:

Paragraph 6, Special Order No. 29, Army Service Forces, Second Service Command,

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Hq 3225 SCSU (ASTP), 3204 SCSU (STARS) & 1280 SCSU (ROTC), Army Hall, The City College, 1560 Amsterdam Avenue., New York 31, N.Y., dated 2/5/44 which reflects that Cpl. GEORGE KOVAL 32790994, Co. A, was transferred to attached unassigned Co. F, 2nd Bn., ASTU 3225th SCSU to pursue course of instruction in electrical engineering 1 Term 6. This order was issued by the order of Colonel COOK, signed by "THEODORE C. NEWMAN, Major, AGD, Adjutant."

Paragraph 3, Special Order No. 157, Army Service Forces, Second Service Command, Hdq. 3225 SCSU (ASTP), 1280 SCSU (ROTC), Army Hall, The City College, 1560 Amsterdam Ave., New York 31, N.Y., dated 8/7/44 reflected that Cpl. GEORGE KOVAL, 32790994 SSN (371), was attached unassigned ASTU 3225 SCSU CCNY, New York, N.Y., was transferred to 1st Provisional SED Unit, Oak Ridge, Tenn., and was to depart 8/9/44 to Co. Commander upon arrival, by order of Major CHRISTIAN, signed by "THEODORE C. NEWMAN, Major, AGD, Adjutant."

WALLINOW stated that he believed records relating to administrative procedure of the 3225 STAR Unit, which might include information regarding assignments and transfer orders could be located at the Department's Record Branch, Washington 25, D.C., under authority # "TWX TAG 13354 SPXOC-T29, July, 1944".

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Re: Report of SA WALTER C. CONNEL, JR., dated and captioned as above, five copies of which are enclosed, and NY letter to Bureau, 9/29/57.

Request of Bureau

Bulet requested the Bureau to consider the advisability of directing its London representative at London, England, to have IRVING GERSHWIN, JR. interviewed regarding the subject to determine if the subject is identical with an unknown Soviet agent who has been described by GERSHWIN as his espionage principal during the period 1933-1935 and who is known to GERSHWIN as "IRVING GERSHWIN".

Inasmuch as the NYO is in process of reviewing the file in this case to determine if legal investigation necessary prior to closing the investigation, the Bureau is requested to advise this office of its decision with regard to the suggested lead at London, England.

WCMCLEWISRe: IRVING GERSHWIN, JR.

Will, at the State House, check records of Division of Vital Statistics, to locate a record of birth for IRVING GERSHWIN, JR., reportedly born to IRVING GERSHWIN and ANNE GERSHWIN, not residing at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 11/10/10.

- 2 - Bureau (65-42311) (Encl. 5) (RM)  
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 2 - Washington Field (65-9361) (Encl. 2) (RM)  
 ② - New York (65-16755)

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Will, at the Department Head's branch, attempt to locate records relating to administrative procedure of the 3005 1957 Unit reported on file under authority of the 3005 1957 Unit-20, July, 1957; will report all pertinent information concerning transfer and assignment procedure of that unit including names of military and civilian personnel, who made assignments and authorized orders.

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NY 65-10725, New York

1. Will interview the following concerning their knowledge of the subject:

EDWARD D. WOLF

[REDACTED]

WOLF, EDWARD

[REDACTED]

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2. Will interview Colonel EDWARD A. GUNN (phonetic), [REDACTED] [REDACTED], regarding his knowledge of a professor of law with a New England college who reportedly collected evidence from New York, for a classified project.

3. Will complete file action directed at relating this case to a logical conclusion and not cut necessary leads.

NY 65-10725

Report of SA WALTER C. GUNN, SA, 7/22/57, New York.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: December 11, 1957

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Reurlet 11/29/57.

One copy each of your letter of 9/24/57, the blind memo forwarded therewith, and the two photographs, have been sent to the Legat, London, for appropriate action. You will be advised receipt of information from Legat, London.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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(OO: NY)

ReNYlet dated 11/29/57, requesting WFO to contact Department Record Branch in an attempt to locate records relating to administrative procedure of the 3225 STAR Unit reportedly on file under authority number "TWX TAG 13354 SPXOC-129, July, 1944."

On 1/14/58, [redacted] Departmental Records Branch, TAGO, Department of the Army, Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Va., advised SA [redacted] that after a thorough review of records in his custody, he was unable to locate a record under the above authority number or under 3225 STAR Unit. RUC.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

January 29, 1958

SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Rerep of SA [redacted], dated 11/29/57,  
at New York.

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SA [redacted] on 1/20/58, at the Division of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, checked the indices of births in Massachusetts for the years 1916 through 1920 and it was noted that there was no one by the name of [redacted] mentioned as having been born in Massachusetts during this period. A check of the births listed in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the date 11/19/18, reflected in Volume 20, Page 240, a canvass return of a birth in the City of Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, as a result of a canvass made in January, 1919.

This return was filed on 2/21/19. The return indicated that a male by the name of [redacted] was born [redacted] in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The father's name was given as [redacted] 24 Inman Street, Cambridge; race, white, born in Leominster, Massachusetts, and occupation, railroad trainman. The mother's name was given as [redacted]. She was born in Cambridge and resided at 24 Inman Street, Cambridge. No further information was listed in the records.

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The above-mentioned birth is being furnished to the Office of Origin for whatever action they may deem advisable inasmuch as Boston cannot, with the information available, determine whether [redacted] is identical with the [redacted] who was born on [redacted] in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and whose mother's name is listed as [redacted].

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>1/31/58</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/12, 16, 27/57; 1/6-9, 16, 20, 21/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY <b>cxd</b>
		CHARACTER <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	<b>b7C</b>

SYNOPSIS:

[redacted] recalled subject as assigned to MED, Morsanto Chemical Co., Dayton, Ohio, 1945-46; described subject's assignments with MED as sensitive and affording him access to ~~secret~~ information. Could recall nothing concerning subject's activities at MED, Dayton, Ohio, which suggests latter was engaged in espionage or other subversive activity.

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[redacted] New York Operations Office, AEC, stated he has never met GEORGE KOVAL.

[redacted] unable to furnish information re professor or dean from New England college who reportedly selected ASTP trainees at CCNY for classified government project during 1944.

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DETAILS:

[redacted]  
[redacted] Mt. Sinai Hospital, 11 East 100th Street, New York City, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on January 16, 1958, and stated as follows:

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He identified a passport photograph of the subject taken during 1948 as a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL who he recalled as having been assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Monsanto Chemical Company, Dayton, Ohio, during the period 1945-46. He recalled that KOVAL worked in the Health-Physics Division of the MED and was a member of the United States Army.

[redacted] who described his personal capacity with the MED, Dayton, Ohio, during 1944-46 as [redacted] responsible for the health of MED employees, could not recall the specific nature of the subject's work with the MED, but believed it generally involved research and preparation of reports concerning human reactions to nuclear exposure. In connection with the above assignment, the subject would have had access to ~~Secret~~ information and his position was sensitive. [redacted] stated he could recall nothing concerning the subject's activities at the Dayton area office which in retrospect suggests that the latter was engaged in espionage or other subversive activity. [redacted] noted his dealings with the subject were restricted to their mutual assignments with the MED, and that he knew nothing concerning KOVAL's social activities or acquaintances. [redacted] emphatically stated that he has not been in contact with the subject since 1946.

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[redacted] New York

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Operations Office, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, was contacted by SAS [redacted] on January 20, 1958, and stated as follows:

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He has never met GEORGE KOVAL, but knew of the latter as a result of having attended a Health-Physics Forum sponsored by the AEC at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the Fall of 1947. Included in the instructional text was a thesis written by GEORGE KOVAL titled "Determination of Particulate Air-Borne Long Lived Activity." Upon referring to his notes, [redacted] stated that KOVAL wrote the above thesis during the period of his military assignment with the Manhattan project during World War II at which time he was assigned to the Health-Physics Department.

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[redacted] stated that other than the above, he could furnish no information concerning GEORGE KOVAL.

[redacted]  
[redacted] United States Army (retired), [redacted] New York City, was recontacted by SA [redacted] on January 21, 1958. [redacted] was questioned regarding the identity of a professor or dean from a New England college who reportedly during 1944 was commissioned by the United States Government to select trainees from the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), College of the City of New York (CCNY), for a secret project.

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[redacted] stated that he has no recollection of the above incident, but noted that he was transferred from his assignment as [redacted] CCNY, during 1944 and suggested that the above incident regarding selection of ASTP trainees may have occurred subsequent to his command.

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Concerning the above, it is noted that [ ]  
[ ] Former Major, United States Army, assigned  
as Intelligence Officer, to the ASTP, CCNY, during 1943-  
1944, advised SAS [ ]  
[ ] on August 27, 1957, that a professor or dean from a  
New England college, possibly Harvard, had visited CCNY  
unexpectedly during 1944 for the purpose of selecting  
ASTP trainees for a classified government project.

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[ ] suggested that [ ]  
who headed the Classification Unit of the ASTP at CCNY  
during 1944, may possibly be able to supply more detailed  
information regarding the above classified project.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP. - R

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report  
of SA [redacted], dated and captioned as above.

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At Rochester, New York:

Will recontact [redacted]  
US Army, Room 758, Sibley Tower Building, 25 North St.,  
concerning the identity of a professor or dean from a New  
England college, possibly Harvard, who reportedly selected  
ASAC trainees at COMV during 1944 for a classified  
government project.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

1. Will recontact appropriate members of COMV  
faculty to develop information concerning their recollection  
of the incident wherein a professor or dean from New England  
college reportedly selected ASAC trainees at COMV during 1944  
for a classified government project.

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2. Will await results of investigation pending at London, England, WFO and Buffalo prior to making recommendation to close this case.

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO)

One copy of the enclosed report has been designated for the WFO inasmuch as that office is presently conducting investigation in this case.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED], 11/29/57,  
at New York.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>3/27/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/5, 12, 21; 3/3, 7, 17, 21/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 150px;"></div>	Typed By: <b>ajc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b> <span style="float: right;">b7C</span>	

Synopsis:

Faculty members, CCNY, unable to furnish pertinent information regarding selection of ASTP trainees for classified project during 1944. Records Division of Vital Statistics, Boston, Massachusetts, reflected that birth record canvass, Cambridge, Massachusetts, during January, 1919, disclosed  born 11/19/18, to

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DETAILS:

United States Army, assigned as  to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), College of the City of New York (CCNY), during 1943-1944, advised SAS  and  on August 27, 1957, that a professor or dean from a New England college, possibly Harvard, had visited CCNY

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unexpectedly during 1944 for the purpose of selecting ASTP trainees for a classified government project.

Faculty members of CCNY, to be identified herewith, were contacted by SA [redacted] on March 3 and 7, 1958, concerning the above mentioned classified project, and were unable to furnish pertinent information. It is noted that each of the faculty members had been previously contacted by SA [redacted] concerning the subject and indicated familiarity with the ASTP, CCNY, 1943 through 1945.

[redacted]

[redacted]

On August 2, 1957, [redacted] was recontacted by SA [redacted] at Signet Laboratories, 614 North LaPeer Drive, Los Angeles, California. [redacted] advised he was born [redacted] at Cambridge, Massachusetts. He said his father's name was [redacted] and his mother's name was [redacted]. [redacted] advised specifically that he was not born in the State of Michigan and in fact had never resided in the State of Michigan.

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SA [redacted] on January 20, 1958, at the Division of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, checked the indices of births in Massachusetts for the years 1916 through 1920, and it was noted that there was no one by the name of [redacted] mentioned as having been born in Massachusetts during this period. A check of the births listed in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the date November 19, 1918, reflected in Volume 20, Page 240, a canvass return of a birth in the City of Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, as a result of a canvass made in January, 1919.

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This return was filed on February 21, 1919. The return indicated that a male by the name of [redacted] was born [redacted] in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The father's name was given as [redacted] 24 Inman Street, Cambridge; race, white; born in Leominster, Massachusetts; and occupation, railroad trainman. The mother's name was given as [redacted]. She was born in Cambridge and resided at 24 Inman Street, Cambridge. No further information was listed in the records.

When interviewed, by SA [redacted] at her residence in La Verne, California, on October 16, 1956, [redacted] self-described as subject's girl friend during the period 1946 through 1948, identified a photograph of [redacted] as an individual she met at a 1950 New Years party in Los Angeles, California. [redacted] recalled [redacted] as having stated, at the party, that he had known the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the latter part of World War II, and knew a woman who had told him she had seen KOVAL in Europe.

[redacted] was reinterviewed on October 29, 1956, at his place of business, Signet Laboratories, Los Angeles, California, and reiterated previous denials of having met [redacted] and knowing or having contact with the subject at any time.

The files of the New York Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as reviewed on March 17, 1958, by SA [redacted] failed to disclose information which could be determined identifiable with [redacted] mentioned above.

#### Miscellaneous

[redacted], Kansas City Records Center, Adjutant General's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] on July 8, 1957, that he was unable to locate any information concerning the administrative procedures of the 3225 STAR Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), CCNY.

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[redacted] stated that he believed records relating to administrative procedure of the 3225 STAR Unit, which might include information regarding assignments and transfer orders could be located at the Department Record Branch, Washington 25, D.C., under authority number "TWX TAG 13354 SFXOC-T29, July, 1944."

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On January 14, 1958, [redacted] Departmental Records Branch, TAGO, Department of the Army, Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Virginia, advised SA [redacted] that after a thorough review of records in his custody, he was unable to locate a record under the above authority number or under 3225 STAR Unit.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report  
of SA [redacted], dated and captioned as above.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted], 1/31/58, at NY.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

1. Will review office indices and conduct appropriate agency checks regarding [redacted] to determine whether [redacted] has used that identity in the past. b7c
2. Will recontact [redacted] concerning whether or not he has used the surname [redacted] if he denies use of name other than [redacted]. question him concerning the record of birth of [redacted] born to [redacted] at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on [redacted]

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will await results of investigation pending at London, England, and Los Angeles, California.
2. Will continue file review in this case directed at bringing this investigation to a conclusion upon completion of outstanding investigation.

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2 - Los Angeles (65-6124) (Encls. 2) (RM)  
(3) - New York (65-16756)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, BUFFALO (65-2278)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: New York City

Rerep SA [redacted], dated 1/31/58,  
at New York City.

On 3/7/58, [redacted]  
of Building, Sibley Tower Building, Room 738, 25 North St.,  
Rochester, N.Y., furnished the following information:

The only faculty member at CCNY (4/43 to 5/44)  
active in the selection program for the ASTP at CCNY,  
who, to his knowledge, came from a New England College,  
was (FNU) [redacted]. According to [redacted]  
as he recalls, was from either Harvard or Yale.  
[redacted] worked directly under [redacted]  
and was paid by the U.S. Government for services  
rendered to the ASTP. [redacted] could not recall the exact  
type of service rendered by [redacted] or that  
[redacted] was "commissioned by the government." [redacted]  
said he had no further pertinent information regarding  
this matter.

(FNU) [redacted] is probably identical with  
[redacted] mentioned on page 8 of the  
report of SA [redacted], 7/22/57, at New York  
City.

In view of above, no report being submitted by  
Buffalo. RUC.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>5/5/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/8, 10, 16, 23, 25/5/1, 2/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by  CH [redacted]	Typed By  [redacted] b7C
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Synopsis:

[redacted] reinterviewed 5/1/58. He stated he has never used surname of [redacted]. He admits he was born out of wedlock and had heard his true father's name was [redacted]. He states that his mother married [redacted] in 1928 and they moved to California when he was about two years old. His mother, [redacted] does not know he has knowledge of above facts. [redacted] again denied any knowledge of KOVAL and offered to give signed statement of this denial. Indices of Los Angeles Office and agency checks at Los Angeles fail to reflect that [redacted] has used name [redacted].

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[redacted] Signet Laboratories,  
614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, California was  
reinterviewed on May 1, 1958 by SA's [redacted] and  
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that since he was last interviewed regarding KOVAL, he has given this matter much thought. Regarding the allegation that he had known KOVAL or knew a woman that knew KOVAL, he stated that his best efforts to recall such an acquaintance has failed. He stated that he looks upon this entire matter as very embarrassing and that it has caused him much concern. He stated that he believes that the person making the allegation concerning him is confused regarding his identity, however, he does not deny that he attended the open house party or that he possibly met [redacted] at this party. He offered to appear at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and give a signed statement denying this allegation if such would assist in convincing the FBI that he is sincere in his denials of knowledge concerning GEORGE KOVAL. b7C

[redacted] said he had never used any other surname other than [redacted]. He repeated that he was born [redacted] at Cambridge, Massachusetts and gave his father's name as [redacted] and his mother's name as [redacted]. [redacted] was asked whether he had ever used the name [redacted] or whether his mother was previously married to a man named [redacted]. [redacted] then stated that he was embarrassed to admit that he was born out of wedlock. He said that he had learned of this information accidentally and not even his own mother was aware that he knew this fact. He stated that his father was known as [redacted] or possibly [redacted]. He said that he knows very little information about his true father, except that he was reported to have been a Sergeant in the Army during World War I. He said he had never seen his father and doesn't know whether he is living or not. He said that in 1920 when he was about two years old his mother married [redacted] and they moved to California. He said that [redacted] is the only father he had ever known. b7C

[redacted] stated that he knew of this information when first interviewed concerning KOVAL, however, because of his denials of acquaintance or knowledge of KOVAL, he felt it was not necessary to furnish detailed information regarding his own background.

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Indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as of May 2, 1958 contained no information identifiable with [redacted] or reflecting that [redacted] has used this name in the past.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department were caused to be searched on April 25, 1958 by SE [redacted]

These records reflect one [redacted] Los Angeles Police Department No. 110344; FBI No. [redacted] has an extensive arrest record. This [redacted] is described as male, white, age 37 in 1947; hair, black; eyes, brown; height, 5'9"; weight, 145 pounds; born in North Carolina; occupation, carpenter. In view of the variance between the physical description of [redacted] and the above person, it appears that they are not identical.

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Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles were caused to be searched on April 25, 1958 by SE [redacted] but reflected no record for a [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: New York

Transmitted herewith are five (5) copies of the  
report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as  
above.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated  
March 25, 1958 at New York.

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

Per OGA letter dtd 7/14/2010

GEORGE AGVAL  
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Re New York report SA [redacted] 3/27/58. b7C

A review of captioned file at the NYO has been  
conducted and the following additional investigation is suggested:

[redacted]

[redacted]

(2) The NYO by letter dated 9/21/57 requested an  
interview of [redacted] which the Bureau by letter  
dated 12/11/57 indicated has been forwarded to the Legat London  
for appropriate action. b7C

The Bureau is requested to determine whether this  
interview has been conducted and the results thereof.

(3) The Legat, Ottawa by letter 6/14/57 advised  
that while [redacted] advised he had no knowledge or info  
regarding subject, [redacted] b7D

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

(4) On receipt of results of the reinterview of [redacted] by the LA office, NY will consider the  
desirability of having passport records checked at the Dept. of State  
under the name of [redacted] for any pertinent info. b7C

2- Bureau (65-62911)

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Per OGA letter dtd 07/14/2010

Date: June 18, 1953

To:



From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
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had not been possible to contact [Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted] and George Koval.  
[Redacted]

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*H. J. [Signature]*

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Legal Attache, Ottawa (85-375)

June 18, 1958

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

[redacted]  
[redacted] had been interviewed [redacted]  
[redacted] advised he had no knowledge of Koval. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

The New York Office has inquired

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June 18, 1958

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Reurlet December 19, 1957, which advised that [ ] had requested Dutch authorities to show the photographs of subject Koval to [ ]. Reference is also made to your advice on 2-14-58 that [ ] had at that time not yet received information from the Dutch authorities.

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You should contact [ ] in an effort to expedite this matter and to insure that [ ] is actively attempting to have this contact made.

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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OO: NEW YORK

Re: Rep. of SA [redacted] 5/15/58, Los Angeles  
and New York letter to Bureau, 5/23/58.

For the info of WFO, [redacted] was reinterviewed  
on 5/1/58, and he advised that he was born out of wedlock  
on [redacted] at Cambridge, Mass. He said that his true father b7C  
was [redacted]. He denied ever having  
used the surname of [redacted] and offered a signed statement  
denying any knowledge of subject.

Accordingly WFO is requested to contact the Passport  
Office of the United States Department of State to determine  
whether they have any record of a passport issued to [redacted]  
[redacted] Cambridge, Mass. A canvass  
return of this birth listed his parents as [redacted]  
and [redacted] P

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R  
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYlet dated 6/26/58 requesting check of passport  
records under name, [REDACTED]

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On 7/14/58, SE [REDACTED] was advised that  
there is no identifiable record at the Passport Office under  
the above name. RUC.

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Date: 7/21/58

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

AIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (65-2039)  
SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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OO: New York

[redacted] I&NS, NO, contacted this office by telephone on 7/18/58. He advised that a stop list which he has indicated the NY Office of the FBI is interested in GEORGE KOVAL. Inspector [redacted] related he was calling to advise that one GEORGE J. KOVAL, according to the crew list, was a third cook aboard the SS JANET QUINN which arrived at the Port of New Orleans that date. He stated that KOVAL had Z No. 2868706D1. He was a U. S. citizen who joined the ship at Houston, Texas, and listed as his next of kin [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had had occasion to observe GEORGE J. KOVAL aboard this ship and that he noted KOVAL is a white male, about 41 years of age, 5'8" tall, and having a slight build.

[redacted] advised that the SS JANET QUINN is an American vessel and its agent is listed as the Amerind Shipping Co., 442 Canal St., NO.

The only background info this office possesses regarding the subject of captioned case is contained in report of SA [redacted], NY, 9/28/56. In the event the NY Office wishes any further action taken regarding the GEORGE J. KOVAL who is third cook aboard the SS JANET QUINN, NO will do so upon receipt of instructions.

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

July 25, 1958

Legal Attache, London (65-952)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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ReBulet 6/18/58.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] stated  
that KOVAL is not identical with [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

8/6/58

FROM: SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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(OO:NY)

ReNYairtel dated 7/24/58.

Enclosed herewith for New York are 3 copies of  
a photograph of GEORGE JEROME KOVAL.

On 8/5/58, SE [ ] reviewed the  
U.S. Merchant Marine file of GEORGE J. KOVAL which showed  
his birth as 4/21/17, at Berwick, Pennsylvania, and  
indicated his Certificate of Identification Number as  
Z868706-DI. The above file reveals that GEORGE J. KOVAL  
was an assistant cook and had sailed on the ships "Pioneer  
Wave", the "SS Flying Foam" and the "SS Gulf Banker."  
The following descriptive and background data was noted  
in the above file as of 6/18/47:

Name:	GEORGE JEROME KOVAL
Color:	White
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	140 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Home Address:	1113 7th Ave., Berwick, Pennsylvania
Next of Kin:	ANDREW KOVAL, father.
Baptized:	St. Mary's Church, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

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On 8/5/58, SE [ ] was advised that there was no record of GEORGE JEROME KOVAL in the files of the Maritime Service or the Coast Guard Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C.

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Based on the above information and a comparison of a photograph of the subject with GEORGE JEROME KOVAL, *and* in view of the fact that the birth date of the subject is 12/25/13, at Sioux City, Iowa, and the birth date of GEORGE JEROME KOVAL is 4/21/17, at Berwick, Pennsylvania, it does not appear that GEORGE JEROME KOVAL is identical with the subject. RUC.

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GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re NY airtel, 7/24/58, to Bureau.

WFO requested to expedite coverage of lead re  
GEO GE J. KOVAL and report results by airtel.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)  
SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re New Orleans airtel to NY 7/21/58.

Re airtel reported that [redacted] INS, New Orleans, advised New Orleans on 7/18/58 that one GEORGE J. KOVAL is a crew member of the "SS JANET QUINN," which arrived Port of New Orleans 7/18/58. [redacted] described KOVAL from observation as about 41 years of age, 5'8" and as having a slight build. He stated KOVAL had Z No. 2868706D1 and listed his next of kin as EDWARD KOVAL, 111 37th Ave., Herwick, Pa.

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Check at U. S. Coast Guard, NY, on 7/24/58 disclosed file for GEORGE J. KOVAL under Z #868706D1. This file marked "duplicate," reflected only his date of birth as 4/21/17.

Based upon description and background presently known re GEORGE J. KOVAL, he does not appear to be identical with subject.

WFO requested to check records U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C., under Z #868706D1 and report all pertinent descriptive and background information for GEORGE J. KOVAL.

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be submitted in legible hand-printing.
2. Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.
3. Make effort to furnish FBI Identification Number or Law Enforcement Identification Number.
4. Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI Number not available.
5. Indicate office for reply in lower-left corner only. Also list in lower-left corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of revised FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.
6. Do not fill in block in lower-right corner.
7. Where available furnish Law Enforcement Identification Number and Military Service Number.

To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division Date August 26, 1958

Re GEORGE ROVAL 100-0-70499  
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Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

[Redacted] FBI No. [Redacted] Other No. [Redacted] b7C

Aliases [Redacted] If not to return  
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Sex MALE Race White Birth Date [Redacted] Birth Place [Redacted] Residence [Redacted]  
Height 6' Weight [Redacted] Build [Redacted] Hair Blonde Eyes Blue Complexion [Redacted] Age 40

Fingerprint Classification [Redacted]

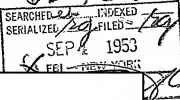
Scars, marks and tattoos [Redacted]

Also Furnish:

- ☒ Photo  
☐ Fingerprints  
☐ Handwriting Specimens

Return Reply to: H.G. Foster  
SAC, New York

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Identification Division's Reply

- ☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:  
☐ Criminal Files ☐ Civil Files ☐ All Files  
☒ Record Attached  
☐ Photo Attached  
☒ Photo Not Available  
☐ Fingerprints Attached  
☐ Handwriting Specimen Attached

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>9/3/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/15, 18, 22, 24; 8/7, 15, 22, 27/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>	Typed By: <b>mtt</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b> <span style="float: right;">b7C</span>	

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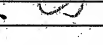
Records, Passport Division, Dept. of State, failed to disclose an identifiable record for  or  born  at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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DETAILS:

Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, California, when reinterviewed on May 1, 1958, by SAS  identified his father as

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[ ] explained that he was born out of wedlock on [ ] at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and that his mother married [ ] during 1921. [ ] denied using the surname of [ ] at any time, and stated that his legal surname is [ ]

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Records of the Passport Division, Department of State, caused to be searched by SA [ ] on July 14, 1958, failed to disclose an identifiable record for [ ] born [ ] at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Concerning the above, it is noted that when interviewed by SA [ ] at La Verne, California, on October 18, 1956, [ ] self described as subject's [ ] during the period 1946 through 1948, identified a passport photograph of [ ] as an individual she met at a 1950 New Year's Eve party held in Los Angeles, California.

[ ] recalled [ ] as having stated that he had known the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the latter part of World War II, and that he knew a woman who had told him she had seen KOVAL in Europe. [ ] also recalled that [ ] had stated that he met KOVAL in Paris, France, during a trip to Europe.

On the occasion of his interview by SA [ ] at Los Angeles, California, on October 29, 1956, [ ] reiterated previous denials of having met [ ] and knowing or having had contact with the subject at any time in the United States or abroad.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

9/3/58

SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report  
of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above,  
at New York.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 3/27/58, at NY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Bureau's attention is directed to NY airtel, 7/24/58, and WFO airtel, 8/6/58, captioned as above, which reflects information concerning GEORGE J. KOVAL, a merchant seaman, who entered the Port of New Orleans on 7/18/58. Background information and photograph of GEORGE J. KOVAL as obtained by WFO at the US Coast Guard, Washington, D.C., disclosed that he is not identical with the subject.

The above information was not reported in the enclosed report because of its negative nature.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

Upon completion of investigation outstanding abroad and Identification Record check at the Bureau concerning [redacted]

[redacted] The NYC contemplates no additional investigation concerning the subject, and will place this case in a closed status.

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At New York, New York

Will submit FD 9 to Identification Division regarding [redacted]

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Per OGA liaison via email 3/15/2011

SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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ReBulet dated 6/18/58, [redacted] captioned as above.

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Records of Identification Division, FBI revealed  
an Identification Record for [redacted] under FBI  
number [redacted]. The record disclosed that [redacted] was finger-  
printed on 8/4/41, by the US Army and on 1/13/45, by the  
"US Engineers, Knoxville, Tennessee." Identification Division  
Records disclosed no record for the name [redacted]

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(S) [redacted]  
[redacted] This case is being placed in a pending  
inactive status. P\*.

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Date: November 3, 1958

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

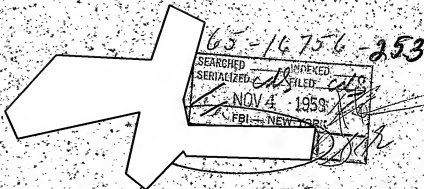
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Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Reference is made to



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: January 6, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

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// You should thoroughly review the instant file  
and furnish the Bureau with your recommendations for  
future investigation in instant case.



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GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

Re NY letter to Bureau, 10/23/58, captioned  
as above.

Referenced NY letter advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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A review of the file in this case disclosed  
one matter warranting further consideration prior to  
closing this case.

(S) Investigation concerning the subject has  
established that during 1942, he was employed with the  
Raven Electric Company, New York City. [redacted]  
[redacted]

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During the period  
August 15, 1944, - January, 1946, while a member of the  
United States Army, KOVAL was assigned to the Manhattan  
Engineering District, (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee and  
Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to  
information that could have varied from "Classified" to  
"Top Secret".

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In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "Commissioned Representative," KOVAL was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. No record of employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, could be located for KOVAL.

On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America", destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelsaiv Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

Information furnished by the GURSHTELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAHAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932.

Although extensive investigation concerning the subject has failed to establish any specific involvement by him in Soviet espionage, sufficient information has been developed concerning his background and activities in the United States which strongly suggests that he was dispatched by the Soviets to this country for the purpose of espionage. Of particular significance in that regard is his reported departure from the United States to the USSR during 1932 with his family; his known employment during 1942 with the Raven Electric Company, NYC, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN; his known sudden departure from the United States to Europe during 1948, and his reported residence and employment in the USSR from 1948 to 1956.

Following developments of information indicating residence and employment by the subject in

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Moscow, USSR, during 1956, the NYO requested the Washington Field Office to make inquiry at the Passport Office, Department of State, to determine if evidence of subject's residence in the USSR would be sufficient to effect his denaturalization despite his native born American citizenship status.

Washington Field letter, 4/17/57, to Bureau, in this case, reported the results of an informal discussion on 4/1/57, with [redacted] es-  
 tablished Washington Field Office contact, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that assuming the subject's reported residence and employment in Moscow, USSR, are factual, denaturalization proceedings could not be taken against the subject, who is a native born US citizen, until formal proof of an expatriative act by him had been obtained. Washington Field suggested that consideration be given to effecting an interview with the subject at Moscow, USSR, through utilization of appropriate State Department channels which might possibly result in a formal renunciation by the subject of his US citizenship.

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Washington Field is requested to recontact [redacted] at the Passport Office, Department of State, to determine whether or not practical arrangements could be made through State Department channels to effect an interview with the subject in Moscow, USSR.

If the above inquiry indicates contact with the subject in the USSR is feasible, the NYO, UACB, will direct the Los Angeles Office to recontact the subject's aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, concerning any additional information they might have regarding the subject's residence in the USSR.



DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP. - R  
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 1/7/59, cc WFO.

[redacted] member of the Board in Review, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA [redacted] on 1/14/59, that he did not believe any practical arrangements could be made within the Passport Office to effect an interview with KOVAL in Moscow. [redacted] stated that he believed such a proposal was very delicate and that the State Department would be reluctant to attempt such a contact in the Soviet Union. The basic reasons as to why [redacted] is of this opinion are set forth in WFOlet to the Bureau dated 4/17/57, captioned as above, cc to the New York Division.

[redacted] advised that should the Bureau desire to pursue this matter further, it would have to be handled on a liaison basis from the Bureau with the Office of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State. b7C

Attached for the information of the New York Office is a copy of Title III, Chapter 3 -- Loss of Nationality, Immigration and Nationality Act, dated 6/27/52.

On 2/4/59, [redacted] Legal Section, Passport Office, Department of State, made available to SA [redacted] the passport file of GEORGE KOVAL. A review of this file disclosed no information other than is set out in the reports of SA [redacted] dated 6/15/55, and 7/20/55, at Washington, D. C., in captioned case. RUC.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

2/24/59

SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R  
(OO:NY)

Re NY letter to Bureau, dated 1/7/59; WFO letter to Bureau, dated 2/12/59, captioned as above.

Re WFO letter reported that [redacted] member of the Board in Review, Passport Office, Department of State, advised that he did not believe any practical arrangements could be made within the Passport Office to effect an interview with the subject in Moscow, USSR. [redacted] stated that should the Bureau desire to pursue the matter further it would have to be conducted on a liaison basis from the Bureau with the Office of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State.

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The NYO recommends that the Bureau consider the advisability of instituting liaison at the Office of Eastern European Affairs, State Department, to effect an interview with the subject at the US Embassy, Moscow, to obtain his formal denunciation of US citizenship.

As the Bureau has been advised, formal denunciation by the subject of his native-born US citizenship is the only condition under which denaturalization proceedings can be taken against him under existing nationality laws.

The above recommended action is believed warranted in consideration of subject's known activities in the US, 1940-1948, which strongly suggests the possibility of his involvement

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in Soviet espionage during that period, and his apparent continuous residence in Moscow, USSR, since 1948. It is believed that any practical approach that could possibly effect subject's denaturalization should be fully exploited prior to closing this investigation. This would appear particularly desirable if necessary liaison poses situation of maximum to be gained as opposed to nothing to be lost."

Los Angeles is requested to re-contact GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, subject's aunt and uncle, at Sherman Oaks, California, regarding their current knowledge of subject's residence and employment in Moscow, USSR.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: March 9, 1959

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Reurlet 2-24-59.

Prior to making any contact with the Office of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, regarding an interview of the subject in Moscow, the Bureau will await the results of the reinterview of the subject's aunt and uncle by the Los Angeles Office. Los Angeles should attempt to obtain full information pertaining to the subject's address, both residence and employment, in order to facilitate his interview by the Department of State.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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OO: NEW YORK

Re New York letter to Director, 2/24/59 and Bulet  
to New York, dated 3/9/59.

On 3/13/59 HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, were  
interviewed at their residence, 15302 Hartsoot Street,  
Sherman Oaks, California. They advised that they last  
received correspondence from ABRAHAM KOVAL, subject's  
father, in 1956. They stated that this was the letter  
previously furnished to the FBI which reflected that GEORGE  
KOVAL was then residing in Moscow and worked for the  
Mendeleev Chemical Institute. His wife was identified  
in the letter as LYUDMILA.

GOLDIE GURSHTEL stated she had written at least  
one letter each year since 1956 to her brother, ABRAHAM I.  
KOVAL, addressing the letters to: 2nd Volchnevska Station,  
Khabarovsk Territory, "18th Party Congress" Collective  
Farm.

Mrs. GURSHTEL stated she had received no replies  
from the letters written by her. She said that she knows  
of no other relatives who have heard from or received  
correspondence from the KOVAL family in Russia. She stated  
that she does not know the residence address of GEORGE KOVAL  
in Moscow but that he could probably be reached through the  
Mendeleev Chemical Institute.

Both, HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, stated that in  
1956 when they visited the KOVALS on a collective farm in  
Birobidjan, ABRAHAM and his wife, ETHEL KOVAL gave no

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indication of desiring to return to the United States and apparently considered themselves as citizens of the Soviet Union. Mrs. GURSHTEL recalls that she heard that if a foreigner remains in the U.S.S.R. for two years he must either declare his intention to become a Soviet citizen or return to his homeland. She, therefore, assumes that ABRAHAM KOVAL and his family have chosen Soviet citizenship.

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Date: April 2, 1959  
To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Reference is made to our letter to  
[redacted] of your office dated June 14, 1956.

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Information has been developed that Koval in 1948 was allegedly employed by Atlas Trading Corporation at which time he obtained a passport. He departed from the United States in 1948 and his whereabouts was unknown until 1956 when it was learned from his aunt and uncle that he was in Moscow. On March 13, 1959, this aunt and uncle advised they had received information from the subject's father who is also in Russia that the subject lived in Moscow and worked for the Mendeleev Chemical Institute. They also learned that he is married and his wife's name is Lyudmila.

It is requested that, if possible, you arrange to have the subject interviewed in Moscow in order to determine his present citizenship status and to determine whether he plans to remain in Moscow or whether he plans on returning to the United States. This Bureau would be interested in determining whether Koval has committed an act which would expatriate him.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)  
RE: GEORGE KOVAL  
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OO: NEW YORK

Re New York letter to Director 2/24/59; Bureau letter to New York 3/9/59; Los Angeles letter to Director, 3/19/59 and New York airtel to Director, 2/13/59, captioned Jewish Music Alliance, IS-C, Bureau file 100-341896.

Referenced airtel, dated 2/13/59 reflects that H. GURSHTEL and wife, 15302 Hartsook Street, Sherman Oaks, California, were planning to join a tour to Europe, leaving the United States on 4/8/59, sponsored by the Jewish Music Alliance.

On 3/13/59 GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL were interviewed regarding their current knowledge of her nephew, GEORGE KOVAL. They had no current information regarding him. Neither of the GURSHTELS mentioned plans to travel to Europe and Russia.

On 3/24/59 GOLDIE GURSHTEL was recontacted and advised that she and her husband planned a trip to Europe in late 1958, and obtained passports in Los Angeles in 1/59. They are to leave for Europe on 4/8/59 on the SS Queen Mary from New York City and intend to travel in Israel and Italy and possibly in Russia. She

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stated they are going with a "group", but could not recall the name of the group. She said that arrangements for this trip had been made through Trans Continental Tours of New York City and she expects to be in Europe for about two months.

In view of the Bureau's interest in the current residence and employment of GEORGE KOVAL in Russia, the above information is being set forth.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO:NEW YORK)

Re Bulet, 3/9/59, to NY, and LA airtel, 3/26/59,  
to Bureau, captioned as above.

Referenced Bulet advised that prior to making  
any contact with the Office of Eastern European Affairs,  
Department of State, regarding an interview of the subject  
in Moscow, the Bureau would await results of reinterview  
with subject's aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL,  
at LA.

Re LA airtel reported results of interview with subjects  
aunt and uncle at LA on 3/13/59, which failed to develop  
current information concerning subject's residence in Moscow,  
U.S.S.R. LA further determined through reinterview with  
the GURSHTELS on 3/24/59, that they would depart the U.S.  
at NYC on 4/8/59, for travel to Israel, Italy, and possibly  
to the U.S.S.R.

Inasmuch as the inquiry by Bureau at Office of  
Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, concerning  
feasibility of interview of subject at Moscow is only  
investigation pending at this time, the NYO will place this  
case in a pending inactive status to await the advice of  
the Bureau concerning any further action to be taken. -P\*-

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GEORGE KOVAL  
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In connection with an investigation regarding HARRY GURSHTEL (LA 100-38357) and GOLDIE GURSHTEL (LA 100-38768), a pretext interview was conducted with GOLDIE GURSHTEL on 6/16/59, by SA [redacted]. Pretext utilized was inquiring newspaper reporter interested in their trip to Europe.

GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised that she and her husband returned from their European tour about ten days ago. They visited England, France, Austria, Israel, Poland, and the Ukraine, USSR. She stated they did not visit Moscow or Leningrad as previously planned because of her husband becoming ill with pneumonia.

It has been previously established through interview of the GURSHTELS that they are the aunt and uncle of GEORGE KOVAL.

The Bureau has previously requested interviews of the GURSHTELS to determine their knowledge of subject's current address and employment in Moscow. The GURSHTELS, prior to their recent trip to Europe, have admitted no knowledge of KOVAL's address. During a previous trip to Russia in 1936, they visited the KOVAL family. In 1956, they received correspondence from ABRAM KOVAL, subject's father, reflecting that KOVAL was then at the Mendeleev Institute in Moscow.

It is reasonable to assume that if the GURSHTELS reached the USSR during their recent European tour that they may have made an attempt or actually visited with KOVAL or some member of his family.

New York is requested to advise whether a re-interview of HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL is desired at this time and specifically whether current information regarding GEORGE KOVAL's residence and employment would be of any value to this investigation.

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American Embassy,  
Moscow, U.S.S.R.  
May 21, 1959.

Mr. George Koval,  
Mendeleev Chemical Institute,  
Moscow.

Dear Mr. Koval:

The Embassy's files indicate that you are an American citizen residing in the USSR. It would be appreciated if you would call at the Embassy at your convenience in order that your citizenship status may be clarified. The Embassy is located at 19/21 Chaikovsky Street and is open from 0900 to 1800 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 0900 to 1300 Wednesday and Saturday.

Very truly yours,

Lewis W. Bowden  
American Consul

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July 23, 1959

TO: The Honorable  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

FROM: Chief, Division of Investigations  
Office of Security

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
FBI File - 65-62911

Further reference is made to your memorandum  
dated April 2, 1959.

Enclosed are two copies of report dated  
July 14, 1959 of additional investigation conducted by  
the Security Officer, American Embassy, Moscow. The  
enclosures mentioned in the report are also forwarded.

Overseas investigation in this case is  
concluded.

Enclosures:

2 copies Moscow report 7-14-59

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## REFERENCE

New York letter to the Bureau, dated  
7/29/59, captioned as above.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

Report of SA  submitted  
herewith, dated and captioned as above, at New York,  
sets forth results of investigation conducted by the  
Office of Security, Department of State, at the American  
Embassy, Moscow, USSR, during June and July, 1959.  
State Department investigation, which was directed at  
causing the subject to report to the American Embassy,  
Moscow, for questioning concerning his United States  
citizenship status, resulted in receipt of letter,

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purportedly written by subject, by which he declined to discuss his American citizenship status with the American Consulate in the USSR.

An addendum to this report, dated 7/14/59, the State Department noted that no direct personal interview can be arranged with the subject in Moscow, USSR, without his, or INR's cooperation.

In considering results of investigation conducted by the State Department, the New York Office has afforded consideration to the possibility that GEORGE KOVAL, who departed Sioux City, Iowa, during 1932 or 1933, with his father, ANNA, is, in fact, identical with the GEORGE KOVAL who departed the United States during October, 1948, and whose background during the period 1941-1948 is generally known to this Bureau as a result of investigation conducted in this case.

While it is impossible to render a conclusive opinion, it would appear that the subject in this investigation is identical with the GEORGE KOVAL, born in Sioux City, Iowa, on 10/25/13. The foregoing is based upon the favorable comparison of passport photographs of the subject, taken during 1948, with photograph of GEORGE KOVAL, taken in Sioux City, Iowa, during 1929, prior to the reported departure of the KOVAL family from that city during 1932 or 1933.

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LOS ANGELES (Info)

At Los Angeles, California.

One copy of this report is being designated for the information of Los Angeles, which office is presently conducting investigation regarding subject.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

1. Will recontact AMLEY J. NICHOLAS, Passport Office, Department of State, and apprise him of results of investigation conducted by the Office of Security, Department of State, at Moscow, USSR.

2. Will request NICHOLAS to render an opinion, if written statement submitted by "G. Koval", in which he claims Soviet citizenship since 1932, has any bearing upon subject's citizenship status or current possibility of any further action to effect his denaturalization.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York.

Will await results of investigation being conducted by Washington Field and Los Angeles prior to considering advisability of closing this case.



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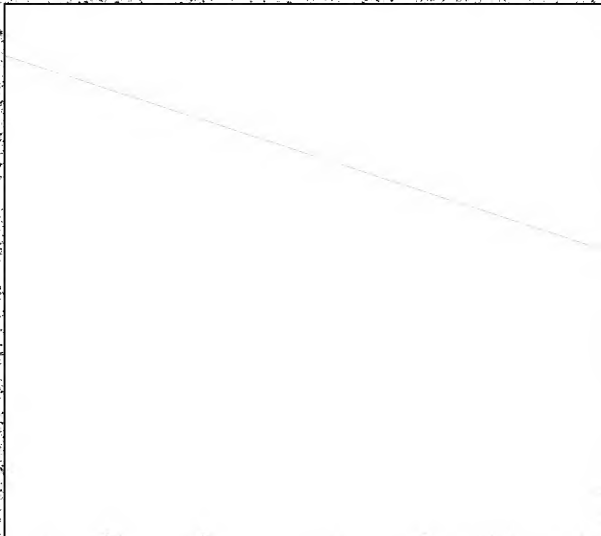
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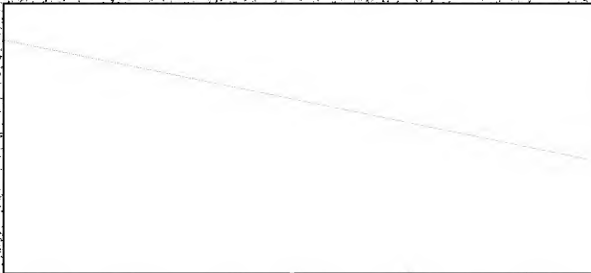


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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58911)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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OO: New York

Re Los Angeles letter to New York dated 6/30/59  
and New York letter to Bureau dated 7/20/59.

On 9/28/59 HARRY GURSHTEL was interviewed by  
SA's [redacted] at his  
residence, 15205 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

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GURSHTEL advised that he and his wife GOLDIE  
GURSHTEL travelled to Europe and the USSR during May and  
early June, 1959. They took this tour with a group of  
tourists from the Los Angeles area. GURSHTEL advised that  
in late May, 1959 he and his wife reached Kiev, USSR where  
he became sick. His wife, GOLDIE, continued on without him  
to Moscow with other members of the tour group. He followed  
in two days and rejoined the group in Moscow.

He said that prior to departing the United States  
he and his wife had written ABRAHAM KOVAL, GEORGE's father,  
and requested him to meet the GURSHTELS in Moscow. He said  
they received a letter from him reflecting that because of  
his advanced age and difficulty of travel, he could not be  
able to come to Moscow to see them.

He said that they learned after arriving in Moscow  
that travel for them to Ambijan was not possible, therefore,  
they did not see ABRAHAM KOVAL during their stay in Europe.  
GURSHTEL advised that both he and his wife attempted to  
contact GEORGE KOVAL by telephone calls to the Mendeleev  
Institute in Moscow, however, they were advised that he was  
not there and no information could be obtained as to his  
residence address. GURSHTEL stated that neither he nor  
his wife saw or were in contact with GEORGE KOVAL or any  
other member of the KOVAL family during their trip to the  
USSR.

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(1 - 100-38768) (G. GURSHTEL)

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GURSHTEL advised that his wife GOLDIE is very ill and said she could add nothing to what he had already stated. GURSHTEL stated that he caught pneumonia in the USSR and cut short his planned tour to return to the United States.

GURSHTEL advised that he had no additional information to offer regarding the KOVAL family that had not been previously covered in former interviews by the FBI. He said that his last information regarding KOVAL was that he is connected with the Mendeleev Institute and resides somewhere in Moscow. He stated he does not know GEORGE KOVAL's residence address.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 9-23-59, at NY, NY, cc to WFO, which requested the WFO to ascertain from the Passport Office, State Department, if the results of investigation conducted by State at Moscow, USSR, has any bearing on subject's citizenship status or suggests possibility of any further action to effect his denaturalization.

Until 11-2-59, the Passport Office, State, was unable to locate in its files the results of the investigation conducted by State at Moscow. This information was found by State in the files of State Security.

A review of subject's file at the Passport Office, State, on 11-2-59, by SA [redacted] revealed that Mr. CARROLL SEELEY, Passport Legal Division, had requested the Chief of Foreign Adjudication, Passport Office, to render an official opinion as to KOVAL's citizenship status and possible expatriation.

For information, should the Passport Office decide there is sufficient evidence to bring about the expatriation of a native born citizen residing abroad it will request the U. S. Embassy, Moscow, to submit a Certificate of Loss of Nationality. When this certificate is submitted to the State Department it will be approved and returned to the Embassy in Moscow to be forwarded to the subject, and a copy will be furnished to the I&NS.

WFO will follow this matter with the Passport Office and will report the ruling of that office when available. P.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP-R

Re NY letter to Bureau, 11/7/59; WFO letter  
to Bureau received at NY, 11/18/59.

Re WFO letter reported results of a memorandum  
issued by the Chief of the Foreign Adjudications  
Division, Department of State concerning subject's U.S.  
citizenship status which disclosed the following:

Information developed to date is insufficient  
to attempt to expatriate subject as a U.S. citizen. It  
was noted that a letter, purportedly written by subject,  
and received at American Embassy, Moscow, USSR, during  
July, 1959, represented an "admission against interest"  
by the subject which was described as apparently  
sufficient to deny him recognition as a citizen of the  
U.S. It was also noted that the latter condition  
would require the subject to appear before State Depart-  
ment authorities for interrogation in the event he re-  
turns to the U.S.

Inasmuch as all logical action has been  
taken to effect subject's expatriation and since as  
outlined in re NY letter all other investigation has  
been completed, this case is being placed in a closed  
status. A lookout notice placed with INS on 10/27/57,  
concerning subject's return to the U.S. will be main-  
tained at this time. C

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re: FOIA dated 11-4-59, which set forth that the Passport Office, State Department, had requested an official opinion from the Foreign Adjudications Division as to subject's citizenship status.

On 11-10-59, SA [ ] reviewed a memorandum dated 11-6-59, prepared by the Chief of the Foreign Adjudications Division, State, entitled "GEORGE KOVAL". It was noted that in addition to subject's passport file, his file at State Security also was reviewed and this file contained all the information that had been furnished State by the Bureau.

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The memorandum dated 11-6-59, set forth that there is no information of record on which the State Department could make a finding that KOVAL lost citizenship of the United States under any of the sub-sections of Section 349(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, or under any of the sub-sections of Section 401 of the Nationality Act of 1940, the predecessor law. As KOVAL is reported to have informed the Embassy at Moscow that, "I have been a citizen of the USSR since 1932", it is necessary to consider his status in the light of the first paragraph of Section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1907, which was in effect in 1932.

This memorandum noted that the file regarding ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, father of the subject, was reviewed and it was found that the application upon which a passport was issued to him on 5-14-39, included the other members of his family, including GEORGE KOVAL. From the statements contained on the application, and other background information, it was believed that the elder KOVAL was one of those many individuals living in the United States who was induced and solicited by the Amtorg Trading Corporation to go to the Soviet Union to assist that country in its development programs. A large number of these persons immediately took appropriate steps to be recognized as Soviet nationals not only for themselves but for members of their families.

It was pointed out that the Soviet law in force at the time the KOVALS went to the Soviet Union provided that if both parents became citizens of the Soviet Union their children also acquired Soviet citizenship if they had not reached fourteen years of age. For children from the ages of fourteen to majority to acquire Soviet citizenship through their parents, the consent of such children was required.

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This memorandum continued that since GEORGE KOVAL was over fourteen years of age when he went to the USSR with his parents, and since it is now reported that he has been a citizen of the USSR since 1932, it would appear that his acquisition of Soviet citizenship took place through his parents with his consent, although this could never be confirmed even if we desired to do so.

The information available in the case of GEORGE KOVAL as it now stands is insufficient to enable us to request the Embassy at Moscow to prepare a formal certificate of expatriation pursuant to the first paragraph of Section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1907. On the other hand, KOVAL is reported to have made an admission against interest which would appear to be sufficient to deny him recognition as a citizen of the United States until such time as he may present himself at the Embassy at Moscow and submit to appropriate interrogation.

[redacted], Legal Division, Passport Office, advised that a special memorandum was being placed in subject's file to the effect that should any additional information come to the attention of the State Department it should be referred to the Legal Division. b7C

In view of the above, no further logical investigation at State suggests itself re this matter. The Legal Division has taken special action to see that any additional information is brought to its attention; therefore, WFO does not believe it necessary to place a stop with the Passport Office. RUC.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (65-17812)

FROM: SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: SOVIET BLOC INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES  
DETECTION OF ILLEGAL AGENTS

DATE: 3/24/61

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Certain successful and useful programs designed to detect the presence of illegal agents, ascertain their identities and penetrate their communications systems have been based on the observation of certain common characteristics in their background, activities and methods of operation. To facilitate further study for this purpose, it is proposed that the basic data in case files of known illegal agents handled in this office be abstracted and placed on 5 x 8 cards. The research work will be done by the Agent currently handling the individual case or, where the case is closed, by the Agent most familiar with it. The cases to be covered in this review will be as follows:

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PEBBLE  
HEKLAR  
KOBCASE  
ABEL  
MORRIS and LONA COHEN  
ZOYA KORNICH

In those cases having two or more subjects, such as the KOBCASE and the ABEL case, each subject should be made the subject of an individual set of data cards.

Set forth below are 38 numbered categories. For each subject there should be submitted 38 5 x 8 cards containing pertinent data on that subject falling within the category called for. Each card will be numbered according to the category being

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- 1 - NY 65-17275 (ABEL)
- 1 - NY 100-103389 (COHEN)
- 1 - NY 65-18217 (HEKLAR)
- 1 - NY 65-18227 (PEBBLE)
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- 1 - NY 64-1177 (KORNICH)
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No. 1 TRUE IDENTITY	KAROT CASE

1. TRUE IDENTITY (on this card include also any details known concerning the subject's family, such as parents, spouse, children, etc.)

2. RECRUITMENT (the motivating factor on the part of the subject and the mechanics by which the recruitment was effected).

3. IDENTITY OF PRINCIPAL (GRU, KGB, etc.)

4. TRAINING (in general, how long, where, in what subjects).

5. ESPIONAGE ASSIGNMENT (immediate assignment and any long range plans for future assignment where known).

## 6. ASSUMED IDENTITY

7. MODE OF ENTRY INTO U.S. (with what documentation, what mode of travel, what port).

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8. RESIDENCES IN U.S. (exact addresses and periods of time where available).

9. EMPLOYMENTS (identity of employers, duration of employment, type of work performed).

10. EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

11. TRAVEL IN U.S. AFTER ARRIVAL (mode of travel--bus, auto, airlines, railroad).

12. TRAVEL TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES (same as above plus documentation used).

13. SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCES

14. PERSONAL HABITS (scale of living, type of recreation, hobbies, relationships with opposite sex, places frequented, type of personality).

15. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (this should be most complete).

16. LINGUISTIC ABILITY (speaking and reading knowledge of all languages where known and degree of proficiency in each; identifiable accent, colloquial expressions used).

17. BANK ACCOUNT (identity of bank, dates account opened and closed, amounts involved, data furnished on application card).

18. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (set forth number, date and place where obtained, data appearing on Social Security application card).

19. SCHOOLS (identities of schools, dates attended, courses taken, information supplied in application, any record of use for reference in job applications).

20. LIBRARY CARDS (all available data).

21. BIRTH CERTIFICATES (set forth name, place and date of birth, whether claimed birth was verifiable, whether copies of birth certificate were obtained. If forged birth certificate used, set forth full details.)

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22. VOTING RECORD

23. FINANCES (amounts paid by foreign principal, what type of currency, method of delivering money, disposition of money after receipt, hiding places in residence or on person or deposit in bank).

24. AUTOMOBILES (if used, full details concerning registration, driver's license, if purchased, financed, etc.)

25. DOCUMENTS (describe documents to be found on person or maintained at residence, such as birth certificates, Social Security and Selective Service cards, driver's license, receipted bills, newspaper advertisements, etc.)

26. INCOME TAX (where subject filed, full details).

27. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (this category will take in any type of record not covered in other categories, such as Blue Cross, credit, criminal, etc.)

28. TELEPHONES (full details, such as length and type of service, long distance tolls, etc.)

29. STATE DEPARTMENT RECORD *- Passport*

30. IMMIGRATION SERVICE RECORD *- New*

31. TYPEWRITER (if personal typewriter maintained or a business or public typewriter used, full details as to type of machine, whether used for espionage activity, where purchased, how disposed of). *4*

32. RADIO (same as 31) *✓*

33. COMMUNICATIONS BY MAIL (this can be subdivided into (a) letters to principal; (b) letters from principal. Details as to accommodation addresses, aliases, indicators, open text codes, use of microdots, etc.)

34. COMMUNICATION BY PERSONAL MEET

35. COMMUNICATION BY DEAD DROP (how many, where located, frequency of use, special instructions).

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36. COMMUNICATION BY RADIO (dial settings, frequency of monitoring, voice or key transmission or reception, type of traffic handled, special instructions).

37. SELECTIVE SERVICE (where a record is located, full details. Where forged Selective Service cards are found, full details, including discrepancy from legitimate Selective Service practice).

38. DETECTION. (how was subject first brought to our attention as a possible illegal agent).

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

It will be seen that there must be a total of 38 cards for each subject, numbered and titled in conformity with the above instructions. Where the data called for is unknown or alleged but not verified or not applicable to the subject, the appropriate numbered card should so state. No sources for the information need be shown unless special circumstances dictate. The purpose of this project must be kept in mind and unnecessary detail should be rigorously eliminated. The categories set forth above are "an open end series," which can be added to whenever further useful categories are discovered. The Agents working on this project should be alert to further categories.

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

DATE: 6/27/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re Memo of Supervisor [REDACTED] captioned  
"SOVIET BLOC INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES DETECTION OF ILLEGAL  
AGENTS" dated 3/24/61.

This investigation was reopened in connection with  
the Bureau project designated as "Soviet Bloc Intelligence  
Activities Detection of Illegal Agents."

Inasmuch as the necessary review of instant file has  
been completed as designated reMemo, this case is being returned  
to a closed status.

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Close Case on this

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MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 12/20/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

MICHAEL BARTHOLOMEW DZUMAGA  
ESP - R

Captioned cases have been reopened for review in the light of experience gained concerning illegal Soviet agent operations in the pending [ ] ESP-R" and [ ] ESP-R" investigations.

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Assuming that both GEORGE KOVAL and MICHAEL DZUMAGA operated as illegal Soviet agents in the US during the early 1940's, it is conceivable that certain of their successful techniques of establishing cover would be utilized by Soviet illegals currently operating in this country. It is possible that a thorough review of the known activities of both KOVAL and DZUMAGA will suggest certain methods of logical approaches to the problem of detection of Soviet illegals in the US.

Of significance with regard to the above, it has been determined that both the [ ] subjects have in their possession a Selective Service registration card reflecting registration with EB 126, Bronx, NY, the same LB at which GEORGE KOVAL registered in 1942 and subsequently was processed for entry into the US Army. This clearly indicates that the Soviets have utilized that phase of KOVAL's experience to assist [ ] subjects to establish cover in this country. It is recalled that GEORGE KOVAL returned to the USSR in 1948 and was last known to be employed at the Mendalev Institute, Moscow, as an instructor in 1959. MICHAEL DZUMAGA's whereabouts have been unknown since 1943, when he was last known to be employed and residing in NYC.

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- 4 - Bureau (65-62911) (RM)  
    (2 - 65-64320) (DZUMAGA)  
4 - Baltimore (65-2384) (RM)  
    (2 - 65-2595) (DZUMAGA)  
1 - New York (65-17161) (DZUMAGA)  
1 - New York (65-17812) (METHODS OF DETECTING SOVIET ILLEGAL AGENTS)  
1 - New York (65-16756)

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Concerning MICHAEL DZUMAGA, it is noted that [ ] reported the following information concerning him during April, 1956:

MICHAEL BARTHOLOMEW DZUMAGA is assigned Social Security Number 075-20-7126. Earnings were reported for him by the Raven Electric Co., NYC, for the quarters of December, 1942; March, 1943; and June, 1943. DZUMAGA indicated he was born on 8/2/14, at Espy, Pa. His address was listed as 158 E. 22nd St., NYC, on 2/6/43.

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Baltimore is requested to recheck records of [ ] concerning MICHAEL DZUMAGA to determine if any additional employments have been recorded concerning him. Also obtain Photostat of his application for Social Security coverage and forward same to the NYO for review.

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**DISCUSSION**

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

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In the event of a change of address, please notify the  
 Bureau of the change. The Bureau will then update its records.  
 The Bureau will also update its records if you change your  
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Previous investigation in the [ ] case, has indicated that to control employment history of current employees of the Raven Electric Co., for their additional checks will not be requested at this time.

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WASH. Institute is requested to review records of [ ] for the following individuals who were employed with the Raven Electric Co., during the indicated period. Normally furnished background of certain Social Security Number or date of birth is not available for some of the employees employed during the 1942-1943 period. If Baltimore is unable to conduct record check by name and former employer only, the [ ] will understand individual background checks, check in the state, to establish date of birth and/or Social Security Number. All requested review is directed at uncovering other covert agents who may have been employed with the Raven Electric Co., through a check of an [ ] history and one of which criteria applied for Social Security.

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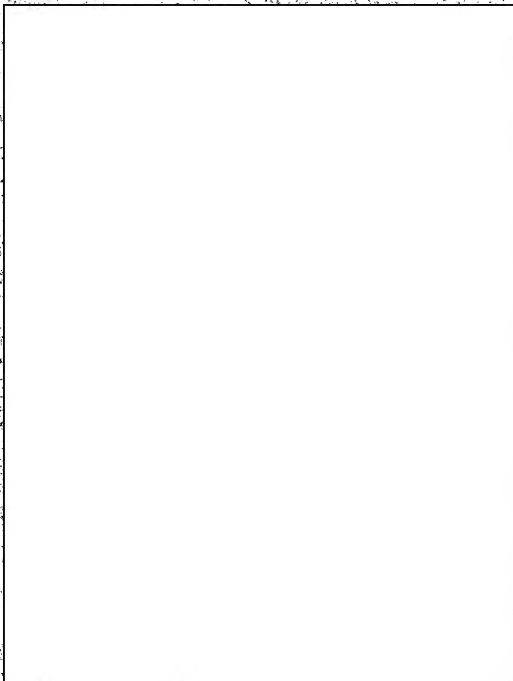
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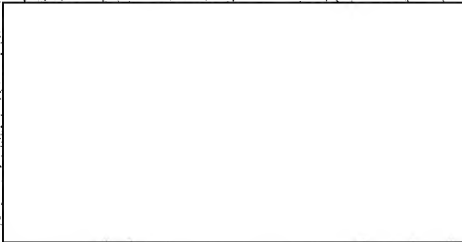
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GEORGE KOVAL  
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MICHAEL BAPTISTOLONE DZUMAGA  
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ReNYlet to Bureau, 12/23/61.

As noted in relet, both GEORGE KOVAL and MICHAEL  
DZUMAGA are assumed to have operated as Soviet illegal GRU  
agents while in the U.S. during the respective periods of  
1940-1948 and 1942-1948. In addition, BENJAMIN W. LASSEN,  
who employed both KOVAL and DZUMAGA at his electrical firm in  
New York City known as the Evers Electric Company, is assumed  
to have been a Soviet agent in all probability identical with

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In an attempt to verify the assumptions with regard  
to KOVAL, DZUMAGA and LASSEN and to determine the nature of  
their espionage activities in the U.S., Bureau authority is  
requested to brief NY 3549-S\* concerning their respective  
backgrounds. In view of informant's knowledge of GRU operations  
in the U.S., both legal and illegal, dating back to the late  
1930's, it appears likely that he would be knowledgeable con-  
cerning them.

In addition to discussing backgrounds of KOVAL,  
DZUMAGA and LASSEN, it is anticipated that photographs of  
these subjects will be displayed to him.

- C - Bureau (65-62911) (RM)
- 1 - 65-81870 (DZUMAGA)
- 1 - 105-15183 [redacted]
- 1 - 65-57259 [redacted]
- 1 - New York (65-17161) (DZUMAGA)
- 1 - New York (65-21273) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (65-16743) [redacted]
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (62-21432)  
SUBJECT: RUSCO; Illegal Soviet Agent;  
Said Name "Larson" in United  
States About Five years prior  
about 1953  
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Re Bureau letter to New York, dated 3/14/52 and New  
York airtel to New Bureau dated 3/23/52, captioned, "Unknown  
Subject, aka Sally The Australian Woman (Vell), RSP-R; Unknown  
Subject, aka Colonel Frances or Colonel Jane, RSP-R."

[redacted] volunteered information to SA JUNE P.  
INDEX, ca [redacted] concerning [redacted] Soviet  
illegal agent [redacted]

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BE INCLUDED IN DISSEMINATIONS TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE  
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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS BUREAU IS DISSEMINATED, CON-  
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In substance, the letter was initially routed on  
following regarding the subject, [redacted]

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[REDACTED] the informant stated he could identify a photograph of the subject.

The person whose identity was assumed by the subject to enter the United States, was recalled by the informant as

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Based upon background information furnished by the informant, [REDACTED]

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The phonetic Polish names of "Schuman" and "Schwanpan" were submitted to SA CHESTER J. CHASTA-SKI, a Polish speaking Agent, for his consideration to determine an appropriate list of variations and spelling of these phonetic names.

A list which consisted of eight differently spelled Polish and/or Jewish names was reviewed by the informant on 4/6/62, and the assumed spelling, "Schumann" was selected as the most probable name used by the subject. At that time, the informant stated he might be able to furnish, in the near future, the address at which the subject lived before he departed the United States to return to the USSR around 1958.

The name "Schumann" and all logical phonetic variations thereof, including the original phonetic names of "Schlin" and "Schwanpan" transcribed for the subject, were checked against the State Department listing of aliens born in the United States in 1914 who were cleared and according to State Department records, were not supposed to be in the United States in 1957, with negative results.

The files of the New York Office were reviewed during April, 1962 in an attempt to develop suspects for the subject. Reported background of identity assumed by the subject, that is native American born in the United States in 1914, coupled with areas of residence of Manhattan and the Bronx, and "Indian man - player" misinterpretation, suggested the possibility that the subject may be identical with GEORGE KOVAL, subject of investigation entitled, "GEORGE KOVAL, ESP-R," NY 65-16756, or assumed the latter's identity.

KOVAL was born in Sioux City, Iowa in 1914, and returned to Russia with his family in 1933. He re-entered the United States in 1942, illegally, and assumed his true identity while in this country from 1942 - 1948. Although KOVAL's espionage activities were not determined, he is considered to have been an illegal GRU Agent for the period 1942 - 1948.

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Upon entering the United States, KOVAL lived in Manhattan, and later resided in the Bronx. He was employed during the period 1942 - 1943, with the Rayon Electric Company, New York City, operated by one BENJAMIN U. LASSEN, believed to have been a GRU Soviet Agent, until his departure from the United States for Poland in 1950. KOVAL served in the United States Army from 1943 - 1946 and attended CCONY from 1946 - 1948. While in the United States Army, he was assigned to the Oak Ridge Atomic Installation, where he had access to classified data. KOVAL was last known in 1958, to be an instructor at the Mendeleev Institute in Moscow, USSR.

A photograph of GEORGE KOVAL was displayed to the informant on 4/6/62 among other photographs, at which time he was unable to recall GEORGE KOVAL as anyone known to him.

In consideration of the subject's reported assignment to reactivate an "old agent" of Soviet intelligence in 1955, which agent is believed identical with "JOSEPH TAUBER, IS-R and AUSTRIA," NY file 105-7159, that file has been reviewed to develop logical suspects for the subject, and has resulted negatively to date.

In addition to the above, telephone directories for all boroughs of New York City, for the period 1955 to the present, were reviewed and failed to develop a logical suspect for the subject. The files of the New York Office are in the process of being reviewed for the phonetic variations of the reported surname used by the subject, and to date have failed to develop a logical suspect.

Referenced New York airtel sets forth the results of the most recent investigation concerning one EDNA PATTERSON, who has been identified by [redacted] as a Soviet illegal GRU Agent, who resided in the United States from 1943 until about 1956. According to the informant, PATTERSON, since her return to the USSR, has been used to brief Soviet illegal Agents prior to their dispatch to this country. Of pertinence to this investigation, the following information is noted:

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Miss KATHRYN GALLAGHER, who was acquainted with EDNA PATTERSON in New York City, from 1947 until PATTERSON's departure in 1956, was contacted on 4/9 and 10/62, and furnished six photographs of EDNA PATTERSON.

Several of these photographs were shown to [redacted] on 4/12/62, and the informant readily identified them as photographs of EDNA PATTERSON, described by him as a Soviet Illegal GRU Agent. The informant advised that he knows PATTERSON well and, in fact, that she had shown him one of the photographs displayed to him. b7D

The informant stated that PATTERSON came to the United States in 1943 aboard a Russian ship, and entered the United States at San Francisco, California. She came ashore in the company of the captain of the ship and stayed on shore after the ship left port. After a short period in San Francisco, she proceeded to New York, where she obtained a job in a factory which did work relating to the manufacture of lipstick tubes. Thereafter she held several other positions. PATTERSON was not given a specific intelligence target, but one of the general targets as that of all illegal agents was to obtain documents.

During the latter part of her stay in the United States, she lived as man and wife with the GRU Illegal Agent named "Larson." They resided together and traveled in the same company of friends, most of whom were friends of PATTERSON. The informant explained that this marital relationship between PATTERSON and "Larson" was a hectic one as "Larson" played around with a number of girls, including a friend of PATTERSON's whom she had once introduced to "Larson." The informant stated that PATTERSON was a very jealous person with a "bad nature" (meaning she had a temper), and on one occasion, following an argument with "Larson", she hit him on the head with the heel of her shoe. Subsequently thereafter, because of this form of relationship, between "Larson" and PATTERSON, both of them were recalled to the Soviet Union.

On 4/12/62, KATHRYN GALLAGHER was interviewed by SA WALTER C. ROYTHING, JR. It is noted that she is unaware of the Bureau's real interest in EDNA PATTERSON and that questions were directed to her to create the impression that the matter discussed concerned a missing persons case. She was, therefore, not questioned directly concerning "Larson."

She advised that she met EDNA PATTERSON in about 1947, when PATTERSON came to work at Goodall Fabrics, and they became fairly good friends. At that time, PATTERSON lived in a room in an apartment-hotel, located at the South-east corner of Riverside Drive and West 114th Street, New York City. PATTERSON never talked much about her background, but did indicate she had been born in the mid-west, probably Iowa. She is believed to have spent her childhood in Iowa and to have moved to the West coast at some unknown time. She indicated that she had come to New York City from the West coast. PATTERSON claimed her mother had died at the age of 44 from tuberculosis and that her father had remarried and was living somewhere on the West coast. She mentioned a sister who had died in an accident.

PATTERSON never gave any indication that she had ever been married. She claimed to have a wealthy aunt who lived on Park Avenue. However, none of her friends ever met this aunt and Miss GALLAGHER expressed the belief that this aunt was fictitious. Subsequently, EDNA PATTERSON is believed to have lived, for a short time, on the West side of Manhattan, near 95th Street, but Miss GALLAGHER could recall nothing regarding this residence. PATTERSON last resided in a small furnished apartment at 140 West 79th Street, New York City, and as far as Miss GALLAGHER knew, she lived alone and did not share an apartment with anyone either male or female. She had very few personal affects in the apartment and nothing which could not be disposed of "in a hurry."

Miss GALLAGHER described as one of EDNA PATTERSON's best friends, one Mrs. PAULINE SHAWFIELD, a Jewish girl, who had twins and who was believed to be presently residing at Murray Hill, New Jersey. Miss GALLAGHER stated that at Christmas time

in 1956, PAULINE SHANFELD received a letter written by PATTERSON and postmarked New York 7, New York. There was no return address on this letter. Enclosed in it was a gift certificate from the Gimbel Department Store, for the children, in the amount of \$125.00. In this letter PATTERSON mentioned that her aunt was ill. None of PATTERSON's friends, including PAULINE SHANFELD has ever heard from her again. For some years, after PATTERSON's disappearance, PAULINE SHANFELD used to check with Miss GALLAGHER occasionally to find out whether Miss GALLAGHER ever heard from PATTERSON.

Miss GALLAGHER recalled that PATTERSON used to do quite a lot of horseback riding and one of her frequent companions in this sport was ANITA WOLFF, who was believed to be presently residing in Flushing, New York. MARY KIMBERLY, marriage name, and present whereabouts unknown, used to go riding quite a bit with PATTERSON. Miss GALLAGHER heard, that prior to PATTERSON's disappearance, she gave MARY KIMBERLY some of her furnishings and clothing. Miss GALLAGHER stated that she was unaware of any particular boyfriend PATTERSON may have had and as far as she knew, PATTERSON did not live with any man. She had a photograph of a World War II American soldier on her dresser, whose first name was ROBIN. Miss GALLAGHER believed that PATTERSON may have gone out with this man, but is of the impression that PATTERSON told her something had happened to his mind.

Miss GALLAGHER recalled another close friend of PATTERSON's who had dark auburn hair and who lived some place on the east side of Manhattan. This girl had been married but was divorced. She was an attractive girl of the "Broadway type". There was a man by the name of STANLEY or possibly STEPHEN who went out with PATTERSON a few times. Miss GALLAGHER was not clear as to whether PATTERSON was introduced by this girl with the auburn hair or vice versa. *to STANLEY*

Miss GALLAGHER expressed the belief that PAULINE SHANFELD might know the name of the girl with the auburn hair. She also expressed the belief that on one occasion, PATTERSON and her girlfriend with the auburn hair visited STANLEY at his place of employment in Brooklyn, New York. She was not positive, but believed that STANLEY was employed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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Miss GALLAGHER referred to a group photograph depicting PATTERSON, Miss GALLAGHER and several other men and women, an having been taken at a party at her, (Miss GALLAGHER's) house, and that the men in the photograph were firemen, who had met PATTERSON for the first time at the party. It is noted that this photograph was exhibited to [redacted] on 4/16/62, and that he advised that "Larson" was not included in this group. b7D

Efforts to identify the subject will continue through additional contact with the informant and coverage of logical leads suggested by information furnished by KATHRYN GALLAGHER.

In consideration of the informant's statements that the subject lived together with EDNA PATTERSON, as man and wife, it is believed that the most logical approach to identify the subject could be through tactful contact with those women mentioned as acquaintances of EDNA PATTERSON during her residence in the United States.

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments concerning this investigation and proper authority will be requested concerning interviews deemed necessary to identify the subject.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY (65-16756)  
(65-17161)

DATE: 5/10/62

FROM : ASAC J. L. SCHMIT

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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MICHAEL BARTHOLOMEW <sup>DZUNAGA</sup>  
ESP - R

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On the evening of 5/9/62 Inspector DONALD E. MOORE called from the Bureau and referred to NYlet captioned as above requesting authority to discuss the two captioned cases with [redacted] Mr. MOORE said that it was not the Bureau's desire that we "brief" [redacted] as to these two cases, but that we merely inquire as to whether he has knowledge as to their identities.

I told Mr. MOORE that we merely wanted to show the pictures and also give enough background to [redacted] to determine whether he is acquainted with either of these subjects. If it is obvious that he is not, he will not be questioned further. Mr. MOORE said that the Bureau approved this.

I have advised SA [redacted] to furnish the necessary information to Supervisor MABEY so he can question [redacted] today on these two cases.

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-21756)  
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SA WILLIAM M. MATTINGLY, #33

UNSUB: aka (FNU) LITWIN (ph)  
(True Name), GRU Illegal  
Soviet Agent in US From about  
1938 Until About 1952. Now  
Employed at GRU Centre in  
Moscow

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[redacted] has advised that he would recognize a photo of subject. He has also said that he is quite sure subject is identical to George Koval. The following is requested:

1. Show a photo of Koval to informant; tell him it is Koval and ask him if this is Litwin.

2. Request a description of Litwin from the informant.

3. Request informant to review [redacted] and  
[redacted] and  
furnish us with the results of this review.

Koval is described as follows:

Birth	Sioux City, Iowa, 1914
Race	White
Height	6'1"
Weight	175
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown, Black
Characteristics	None condition on face.

A photo accompanies the original of this memo. It is a passport photo of Koval and the most recent available.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (65-21756)

DATE: 5/18/62

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FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka (FNU) LITWIN (ph),  
(True Name), GRU Illegal Soviet  
Agent in United States From  
About 1938 Until About 1952,  
Now Employed at GRU Centre in  
Moscow  
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Source [REDACTED]

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Date of Contact

5/10/62

Contacted By

SA JOHN F. MABEY

Characterized

An individual who has  
furnished reliable information  
in the past

Bureau authority is not necessary prior to  
incorporating information furnished by [REDACTED] into  
communications suitable for dissemination outside the Bureau  
when such information is suitably paraphrased in such a  
manner that the identity of the source is not jeopardized.  
In the event that certain specific information is of such a  
nature that it should not be disseminated, the decision not  
to disseminate the information should be called to the attention  
of the Bureau on a UACB basis.

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A classification of Confidential will be adequate for  
material furnished by [REDACTED] particularly when the information  
relates to Soviet nationals and it can be paraphrased. Some  
information furnished by this source, due to its very nature, would  
necessitate a higher classification inasmuch as the disclosure  
of such information to any unauthorized persons could have a  
serious effect upon international relations and on the national  
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It is suggested that information set forth in communications suitable for dissemination be set forth in a manner similar to or as follows:

"T symbol in early 1962 advised that" followed by a succinct statement reflecting what informant furnished about a given individual.

This should not include too much detail which might tend to disclose informant as our source.

If information furnished by informant contained in this memorandum is included in communications suitable for dissemination, it should be classified "~~Secret~~". NYO recommends against dissemination of this information.

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GRU Illegal Agent LITWIN

Informant was shown a photograph of BENJAMIN WILLIAM LASSEN and was given the following background information of LASSEN:

(S) Born in Russia; immigrated to the US; operated the Raven Electric Company in NYC between 1940 and 1950, at which time he left the US. Informant did not recognize the photograph of LASSEN nor did he recognize the name of the Raven Electric Company. Informant was given the name of [redacted] and told that this was the code name of a GRU agent. [redacted]

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(S) [redacted]  
(S) Informant said that [redacted]  
(S) [redacted]  
(S) [redacted]  
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(S) Informant advised that [redacted]  
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Informant was given the name of GEORGE KOVAL and advised that KOVAL, born in the United States in 1914, had returned to the Soviet Union in the mid 1930's.

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COVAL or someone representing him had been illegally sent back to the US and had been employed by the Raven Electric Company in NYC. KOVAL acted as an illegal GRU agent from 1940-1948. Informant was further told that KOVAL in the mid 1940's had served in the US Army at various locations including Oak Ridge and had also been a student at CCNY following his discharge from the Army. The code name of ARSHANSKY was given to the informant.

Informant advised that he vaguely recalled the name GEORGE KOVAL, however, he did not remember the code name ARSHANSKY. He associated the name of KOVAL with the aforementioned background information, most specifically due to the fact that KOVAL was in the Army, had been assigned to Oak Ridge, and had subsequently been a student at what the informant believed to be NYU rather than CCNY. Informant, in fact, was under the belief that CCNY was NYU. He further stated that this person not only attended CCNY as a student, but most probably taught there following his graduation. Informant advised that undoubtedly KOVAL is identical with LITWIN, based on his recollection and knowledge of the above facts.

Informant advised that he would be able to recognize a picture of LITWIN if it were displayed to him.

The name of MICHAEL DZUMAGA, code name PAPA, was mentioned to the informant and he readily identified this person as a GRU illegal agent. [redacted]

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In regard to [redacted] mentioned above, informant advised that [redacted]

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EUGENE FRANKLIN COLEMAN

The above name and following background information were given to the informant indicating that perhaps this individual had been an agent of the GRU. COLEMAN, an American citizen, worked for the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C., from 1937-1941. He was subsequently employed by RCA Laboratories in New Jersey, and had had associations with DORIS SILVER AMATNEEK, ERNEST AMATNEEK and CARL AMATNEEK. Informant did not recognize photographs of any of these individuals nor did the names or information furnished to him seem familiar.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-67321)

6/15/62

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-21756) (C)

UNSUB; Aka (FNU) Litvin (phonetic)  
(True Name), GRU Illegal Agent in  
US From About 1938 Until About 1952 -  
Now Employed at GRU Centre in Moscow  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Re memos of SA [redacted] at NY dated 5/18/62  
and 5/28/62.

The Bureau has been previously advised by the above  
memos that the subject of this case is identical to GEORGE  
KOVAL, Bufile 65-62911; NY 65-16756.

Captioned case is being closed at NY. Any further  
investigation in this matter will be conducted from the KOVAL  
case file.

- 3 - Bureau (65-67321) (RM)  
    (1 - 65-62911) (GEORGE KOVAL)  
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To: SAC, New York

✓ From: Director, FBI

GEORGE KOVAL

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Bureau File: 65-62911

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MICHAEL BARTHOLOMEW DZUMAGA

ESPIONAGE - R

Bureau File: 65-64320

New York File: 65-17161

ReNYlet 4/30/62 captioned as above.

Bureau authority is granted to use information such as the name, place of employment and similar background data developed through investigation in questioning the informant concerning Koval, Dzumaga and Ben Lassen for the purpose of developing further information concerning the espionage operations of these individuals.

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Re: GEORGE KOVAL  
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MICHAEL BARTHOLOMEW DZUMAGA  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

4/12/62

SAC, BALTIMORE (65-2384)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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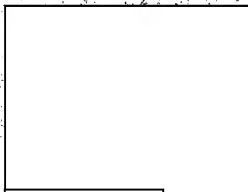
MICHAEL BARTHOLOMEW DZUMAGA  
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1962.

Re New York letter to Director, dated February 27,

[redacted] furnished on April 6, 1962, the complete employment records for the following individuals and their account numbers, which are being furnished to the New York Office:

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BENJAMIN WILLIAM LASSEN  
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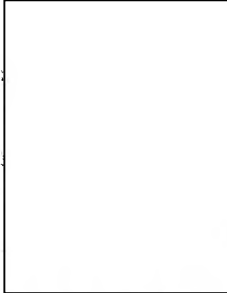
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In addition to the above names, [redacted] advised that [redacted] is an incorrect number for [redacted] and he is unable to locate an account number under this name.

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Enclosed herewith for New York is the complete employment record for [redacted]

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[redacted] furnished a photostat copy of MICHAEL BARTHOLOMEW DZUMAGA's application for an account and also his most recent employment for the quarter ended June, 1943, by Raven Electric Company, Inc., 11 West 25th Street, New York City, New York, which is also being forwarded to the New York Office.

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In view of the lengthy employment records of the individuals listed below, the complete employment record and background data are being forwarded to the New York Office on these individuals.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

FROM: SA THOMAS J. MC KEON (#342)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP-R

DATE: 9/28/62

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Source  
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Contacted By  
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9/24/62  
SAS VINCENT J. CAHILL and  
HARRY E. MORRIS, JR.  
An individual who has a back-  
ground in Soviet intelligence,  
but concerning whom there has  
been insufficient opportunity  
to determine the reliability of  
information furnished.

1-NY (65-14635-A2)

1-NY (65-19979)

1-Bureau (65-56874)  
(Soviet Intelligence  
Services; GRU)  
1-Bureau (65-67020)  
(Soviet Espionage Activities;  
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When incorporating information furnished by [ ] into communications suitable for dissemination outside the Bureau, Bureau authority is not necessary when the information can be paraphrased so that the identity of the informant is not jeopardized. When certain specific information is of such a nature as to prohibit dissemination, the Bureau should be advised of the basis for non-dissemination. b7D

Certain information furnished by [ ] will be of such a nature as to necessitate a classification above "~~Confidential~~", since the disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons could have a detrimental effect upon international relations and the national defense. In all other instances, a classification of "~~Confidential~~" will be adequate if the information relates to Soviet nationals and can be adequately paraphrased. b7D

In setting forth information suitable for dissemination, the following terminology is suggested:

"NY T- in the middle of 1962, advised ....."  
The information then set forth should not include those details which could conceivably disclose the informant as the source.

NY 65-16756

Information Concerning GEORGE KOVAL,  
Former GRU Illegal Agent in the US

In the course of this interview informant advised that he recalled an individual named GEORGE KOVAL who had worked in the US as an illegal agent of the GRU (military) organization. Informant stated that the information concerning KOVAL was related to him by one KOTOV, whom informant described as being the head of the Personnel Section of the 10th Department (Scientific and Technical) of the First Directorate, KGB in Moscow.

Informant stated that from KOTOV he learned that GEORGE KOVAL was an individual who had been born in the US and who had returned to the USSR with his father during the

1930's. Informant stated he believed that KOVAL's father had been born in the Soviet Union. Informant related that in 1937 GEORGE KOVAL graduated from the Mendelaev Institute of Technology and some time after graduation he had been offered a position by the GRU organization to work for that organization in the U.S. as an illegal agent. Informant said that KOVAL accepted this assignment and returned to the U.S. He said that KOVAL was in the U.S. before the outbreak of World War II and mentioned that KOVAL served in the military forces of the U.S. in World War II. Informant said KOTOV had described KOVAL to him as being a tall individual with black hair who wore spectacles and who spoke "terrible" Russian. KOVAL was Jewish by nationality. KOTOV told the informant that KOVAL remained in the U.S. until 1948 or 1949 when he returned to the Soviet Union. KOTOV also stated that KOVAL while in the U.S. was afraid to work as an illegal agent and said that KOVAL during his stay here "did nothing". KOTOV also remarked that the GRU organization had spent a great deal of money to finance KOVAL while he was in the U.S. and had also spent considerable money in training him for his duties in the U.S. and said that the GRU had received nothing from KOVAL in return. KOTOV pointed out that KOVAL's results were practically nil. Informant stated that he learned also from KOTOV that when KOVAL returned to the Soviet Union he desired to become a member of the faculty of the Mendelaev Institute of Technology. Informant said that the Personnel Department at the Institute did not wish to employ KOVAL and in effect turned down his application for employment. Informant stated that on the following day the Director of the Institute was contacted by telephone by a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and was ordered to place KOVAL on the faculty staff. Informant stated that KOVAL is presently a Doctor of Science at the Mendelaev Institute of Technology and teaches in the Department of General Chemical Technology. Informant could furnish no additional information concerning KOVAL.



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10/1/62

SAC, NEW YORK (C-175)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

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RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU

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Reference is made to the Bureau, 1/19/62, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CP), ALIENS (CA) (C-11) and David Greenglass in New York City, until placed in New York City and County Jail, until placed in the Federal Detention Center in New York City."

Enclosed is a report of the results of the search of the files of the New York City Office, dated 1/19/62, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CP), ALIENS (CA) (C-11) and David Greenglass in New York City, until placed in New York City and County Jail, until placed in the Federal Detention Center in New York City."

On 1/19/62, the New York City Office (NYCO) advised the Bureau that it had received information concerning the activities of the Communist Party, USA (CP), in New York City, and that it was conducting an investigation of the same. The information received by the NYCO was obtained from a source who had provided information to the NYCO in the past.

The NYCO is currently conducting an investigation of the activities of the Communist Party, USA (CP), in New York City, and is currently conducting an investigation of the same. The information received by the NYCO was obtained from a source who had provided information to the NYCO in the past.

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position by the GBU to work for that organization in the US as an illegal agent. ROVAL accepted the offer and returned to the US before the outbreak of World War II. ROVAL served in the US Army during World War II. He was described as a tall individual with black hair who wore glasses and was of Jewish nationality.

ROVAL remained in the US until 1945 or 1946, when he returned to the Soviet Union. According to ROYOV, ROVAL was afraid to work as an illegal agent while in the US and "did nothing" during his period of espionage. The GBU invested a considerable amount of money to establish ROVAL in the US and received nothing from him in return.

Upon returning to the Soviet Union, ROVAL made application to join the faculty of the Lendinsky Institute of Technology in Moscow. His application was initially declined, but he was subsequently granted a position following a personal call to the Institute by a member of the Central Committee of the CP, who directed that ROVAL be placed on the faculty staff. ROVAL is presently a doctor of science at the Lendinsky Institute of Technology and teaches in the Department of General Chemical Technology.

Information furnished by source concerning background of ROVAL generally agrees with information developed during course of investigation concerning him. Information reflecting ROVAL was imperative during his assignment in the US is of significance since it has been stated that his espionage activities were, in all probability, related to his tour of duty with the US Army at the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1944-45.

The above concerning ROVAL and BERNARD were reported during a survey of their known activities as



NY 65-1775

In view of the above, it is possible that the Bureau has use or information of other confidential informants; that of single informant, the fourth with the Spanish Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War, for the purpose of providing a cover for illegal agents in NY 13. This office has reviewed the files in the Federal Union against activities of the American Internal Security - R. In file 100-237, Serial 159-79.8 in an attempt to identify all listed members of the Francisco - Fernandez Brigade with negative results.

The Bureau is requested to advise the files in the American Union concerning the Veterans of the Spanish Loyalist Brigade to develop a list of individuals who participated in the Spanish Civil War, which list would possibly be designated in the Francisco - Fernandez list. If this fact can be located either by the Bureau or through research of the FBI, this office is of the opinion that the identities of these individuals should be checked against records of NY 13, which might possibly identify other illegal Soviet agents who operated in this country during the 1930's.

An additional investigation concerning this matter will be conducted in the case concerning THOMAS BURNETT and no further action will be taken concerning GEORGE LOVAT, which case in this, returned to national status at 17.

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RE:

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☒ For information☐ For approval

☐ The enclosed is for your information  
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☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA  
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Remarks:

Re

[Redacted]

See NY report

12/31/64, SA Harry E. Hinderliter, Jr.  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-27551)

1/2/54

SAC, NEW YORK (65-27551)

SECURITY MATTER - R  
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Re NY letter and FBI to Bureau and LHO dated 1/2/54,  
dated 12-17-53 dated 1/2/54.

Rebulet instructed NY to delete information con-  
cerning the name LOR in referenced NY LHO.

Enclosed for the Bureau and LHO are eight copies  
and one copy, respectively, of 28 numbered pages one and four  
applying pages two, four and five of NY LHO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
January 2, 1964

George Koval  
Espionage - R

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Extensive investigation has developed the following pertinent information concerning George Koval who has been identified by a confidential source as a Soviet GRU (Intelligence Service of the Red Army) illegal agent who operated in the United States from approximately 1938-1948.

George Koval was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on December 25, 1914. His father and mother, Ethel and Abram Koval, both natives of Pinsk, Russia, immigrated to the United States during 1910. In addition to George Koval, the Kovals had two other sons, Isaiah and Gabriel, both born in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 22, 1912 and January 25, 1919, respectively.

Records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that Abram Koval, who had been naturalized as a United States citizen on September 8, 1919, was issued a passport on May 14, 1932, for travel with his family to England, Poland or Russia. Investigation in Sioux City, Iowa, established the approximate date of the departure of the Koval family from the United States as during May, 1932. The reason for the departure was reported as Abram Koval's desire to return to the Biro-Bidjan Region in Russia to participate in a Russian program of Jewish resettlement in that area. The exact date of George Koval's return to the United States is not known. The first verified record of his presence in the United States was the payroll records

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George Koval

of the Raven Electric Company, a New York City electrical firm owned and operated by Benjamin W. Lassen. The payroll records on-file at Albany, New York, reflected George Koval was employed as a counterman with the Raven Electric Company, from January 1942 until his induction into the United States Army in February, 1943. The Raven Electric Company was owned and operated by Benjamin W. Lassen in New York City from 1940 until Lassen's sudden departure from the United States to Poland in 1950.

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Benjamin W. Lassen has been identified by the same confidential source previously mentioned as identical with the Soviet GRU agent [redacted] who operated as a GRU agent in the United States from about 1940 until his return to the Soviet Union in 1950. The source also identified Michael Dzumaga, an employee of the Raven Electric Company for six months during 1943, as identical with the Soviet GRU illegal agent known by the code name "Papa".

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Following Koval's induction into the United States Army, he qualified for specialized training at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) which resulted in his assignment during 1944 to the Manhattan Engineering Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. His military service consisted of tours at the atomic installations at Oak Ridge and Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to "~~top secret~~" information concerning the development of the atomic bomb.

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Following his honorable discharge from the United States Army in 1946, Koval enrolled at CCNY where he was awarded a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree in 1948.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that Koval was issued a passport on March 15, 1948 for proposed travel to France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Poland as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City.

Departure Manifest records of the "SS America" reflected that Koval departed the United States at New York City on October 6, 1948 destined for Le Havre, France.

Information furnished during 1956 by Harry and Goldie Gurshtel, uncle and aunt of George Koval, disclosed that George Koval was in the Soviet Union at the time of a visit by the Gurshtels to that country in 1936. A letter received by the Gurshtels from Koval's father, Abram Koval, during 1956 disclosed that George Koval was at that time employed as a professor at the Mendelaev Institute of Technology in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). This employment was subsequently verified by the United States Embassy in Moscow, USSR.

In connection with proposed interview of Ismail Ege, it is requested that a photograph of George Koval be displayed to Ege to determine if Koval is one of the illegal GRU agents reported by Ege in 1942 to be dispatched to the United States. It is noted that a photograph of Koval was previously shown to Ege in 1954. At that time, however, background information concerning Koval had not been developed and the possibility exists that the photograph of Koval will be more meaningful to Ege when displayed in connection with discussion of Koval's case history reported herein.

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George Koval

In addition, the general possibility that George Koval was a replacement for the illegal agent Arshansky should be discussed with Ege. It is recalled that Arshansky was described by Ege as the true name for a Soviet GRU agent recruited in 1940 for subsequent dispatch to the United States where he would report to [redacted] for documentation. Arshansky was described as being a graduate electrical engineer and as being instrumental in recruiting the illegal agent known by the code name "Papa". The only known comparison between information developed concerning George Koval with Arshansky is their mutual background as graduate electrical engineers. The possibility seems to exist that since Ege defected in 1942 shortly after the planned operation of Arshansky, the Soviets may have replaced Arshansky with another individual in consideration of Ege's familiarity with that intelligence mission. This discussion could possibly shed some light on the numerous unknown subject cases reported by Ege, extensive investigation in most of which failed to resolve Ege's information.

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George Koval is described as follows:

Name	George Koval
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 25, 1914, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	5' 11 1/2"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium-dark
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Electrical engineer
United States Army Serial Number	32790994
Social Security Number	052-18-0975
Last Known Residence	2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York (1948)
Distinguishing characteristics	Pock-marked face as a result of an acne con- dition, wears glasses

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George Koval

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United States Army Serial  
Number  
Social Security Number  
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170 lbs.  
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Electrical engineer  
  
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2004 Valentine Avenue,  
Bronx, New York (1948)  
  
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ReWFOlet to Bureau, 10/22/63; Bureau 0-7  
to New York, 11/13/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 7 copies of a  
LHM reflecting pertinent information developed in the  
investigation, "GEORGE KOVAL, ESP-R". Also enclosed  
are 2 passport photographs of GEORGE KOVAL taken during  
1948 and being submitted for possible referral to  
ISMAIL EGE.

If the Bureau authorizes an interview with  
ISMAIL EGE (AKHMEDOV) concerning captioned subject,  
this office agrees with recommendations made by the  
WFO with regard to discussion of the KOVAL case with  
EGE at the same time.

In that regard, the LHM sets forth several  
pertinent questions this office believes should be asked  
of EGE regarding KOVAL.

As noted in WFO letter, KOVAL was described by  
[redacted] during May 1962 as being identical with the  
illegal GRU agent originally described by the informant  
as (FNU) LITWIN, a GRU illegal agent in the US from  
about 1938-1952. A review of the information furnished  
by [redacted] concerning LITWIN prior to his identification  
as GEORGE KOVAL reflects several pertinent discrepancies  
in background of LITWIN as compared with known information  
concerning KOVAL. The primary discrepancies noted are:

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- 1 - Washington Field (Enc.1) (INFO) (RM)
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1. The surname LITVIN was the illegal agent's true name. This is contradictory to established fact that the identity of GEORGE KOVAL was that illegal agent's true identity.

2. LITVIN did not serve in the US Armed Forces during WW II. This is contradictory to GEORGE KOVAL's known military service with the US Army from 1942-1946.

3. LITVIN was last known in 1962 to be employed by the GRU at the Centre in Moscow, USSR. This is contradictory to KOVAL's known employment as recent as 1959 as a professor at the Mendeleev Institute of Technology in Moscow, USSR. In that connection, Bureau's attention is directed to New York letter to Bureau, 11/5/62, in the KOVAL case which reported information furnished by [ ] during 9/62 concerning KOVAL, which information the informant attributed to one KOTOV, Head of Personnel Section of the Ninth Department of First Directorate, KGB in Moscow. This information described KOVAL as a failure in his illegal agent activities in the US. It is noted that KOVAL obtained employment as a professor at the Mendeleev Institute of Technology in Moscow, USSR upon his return to the Soviet Union only as the result of assistance rendered by a member of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party. If the information furnished by the informant is correct, it can be assumed that KOVAL returned to the Soviet Union in disgrace and therefore it is highly improbable he would have been employed as a GRU official at the Centre in Moscow, the position which according to [ ] LITVIN was last known to hold.

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The above information is noted merely to bring attention to the possible mis-identification of GEORGE KOVAL as LITVIN. This possible mis-identification is conceivable in consideration of conditions under which contact with [ ] was maintained. The Bureau

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is well aware of the voluminous information presented to that informant during a comparative brief period for identification and the possibility does exist that the identity in question may have been confused by the informant.

This office does not contemplate re-opening the LITWIN case unless so advised by the Bureau after the Bureau considers the above noted observations and results of the proposed re-interview with ISMAIL EGE.

To summarize, the NYC believes an interview with EGE concerning DZUMAGA and KOVAL and/or LITWIN could possibly be productive in clarifying the identification of the known illegal agents connected with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN undoubtedly identical with the GRU agent

(S) [ ] It is not believed that referral of information furnished by [ ] concerning DZUMAGA, KOVAL or LITWIN, properly concealed, to EGE would jeopardize that highly confidential source.

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The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [ ]. The LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect the highly confidential source [ ].

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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DATE: 5-18-64

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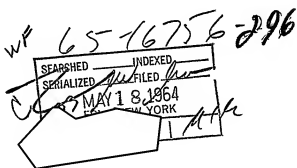
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-80531)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-15896) (P)

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SUBJECT: JOHN ANDREW SHUBIN, aka  
Coe Shubin  
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(GRU)  
(OO: New York)

Re NY letter 11/3/64, and Bulet 11/23/64.

- 7 - Bureau (RM)
  - (1-65-62911) (GEORGE KOVAL)
  - (1-65-64201) (UNSUB; aka KONOVALOFF)
  - (1-65-64189) (PANCASE)
  - (1-65-68530) (NOSENKO)
  - (1-65-67371) (UNSUB; aka (FNU) LITWIN) (True Name))
- 3 - Los Angeles (65-5401) (RM)
  - (1-65-6380) (UNSUB; aka KONOVALOFF)
  - (1-65-6390) (UNSUB; aka PROJOROV)
- 1 - Phoenix (65-840) (UNSUB; aka KONOVALOFF) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (65-4558) (RM)
  - (1-65-5175) (PANCASE)
- ⑥ - New York
  - (1-65-16756) (GEORGE KOVAL)
  - (1-65-17170) (UNSUB; aka KONOVALOFF)
  - (1-65-17150) (ERIC PANTKE)
  - (1-105-65721) (NOSENKO)
  - (1-65-21756) (UNSUB; aka (FNU) LITWIN (True Name))
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The prime purpose of this communication is to review the SHUBIN case from its inception in 1945 up until the present time. SHUBIN has recently returned to the US, after spending 15 months abroad travelling through Europe and Asia. During this travel he again visited the Soviet Union.

Information has been received subsequent to his departure from the US in June, 1963, that SHUBIN is presently engaged in intelligence activities on behalf of Soviet Military Intelligence (GRU).

The secondary purpose of this communication is to act as a guide post in an effort to determine if an interview with SHUBIN in the near future would be productive.

I. CAUTION

BECAUSE OF THE WIDESPREAD RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS CASE, THIS COMMUNICATION WILL, OF NECESSITY, INCLUDE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SOURCES, MUCH OF WHICH HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED "SECRET," IN THE INTEREST OF CLARITY AND CONTINUITY, THIS INFORMATION IS BEING SET OUT AS RECEIVED WITH NO ATTEMPT MADE AT PARAPHRASING IT. THEREFORE, THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A BASIS FOR DISSEMINATING ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

II. BACKGROUND

Extensive investigation has determined full particulars about SHUBIN's background. Briefly, SHUBIN was born 2/20/15, in Los Angeles, California. His parents were both born in the Soviet Union. The majority of his immediate family continues to reside in the Los Angeles area. SHUBIN has been married and divorced. No children issued from this marriage. He has not served in the Armed Forces.

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SHUBIN is currently employed as a professor of Economics at NYU, Washington Square Branch, NYC. He resides alone in an apartment at 12 East 8th Street, near his present employment. SHUBIN is currently on the Special Section - Espionage, of the Security Index in the New York Office.

Comment

1. SHUBIN's birth was not officially recorded until 1/1/38, on the basis of a legal petition by the father, claiming that he was born in Los Angeles on 2/20/15.
2. When applying for admission to UCLA on 5/25/35, SHUBIN claimed that he was born 2/18/15. In 1938 when applying for graduate study courses, he listed his birth date as 2/20/15. High school records circa 1930, indicate three completely different dates of birth.

III. PASSPORT INFORMATION

SHUBIN was first issued a US Passport at Los Angeles, California, on 6/14/38. This passport, number 557998, was subsequently returned to the USDS on 1/15/40.

SHUBIN was next issued a US Passport, also at Los Angeles, on 6/12/61, (or 6/24/61.) This passport, which he utilized during his current travel is number B190635.

Comment

1. Based on the above passport information, it was assumed that between the dates 1/15/40, and 6/12/61, SHUBIN was not in possession of a valid US passport. This becomes pertinent when it is related to information furnished by  which will be disclosed later.

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IV. PRIOR INTERVIEWS BY FBI

During July, 1946, SHUBIN was interviewed by FBI personnel in Los Angeles on several occasions, regarding his knowledge of IGNACY WITCZAK. SHUBIN admitted knowing WITCZAK, but denied knowledge of or participation in any of WITCZAK's espionage activities. He stated that because of his Russian heritage, he feels strongly sympathetic toward the Russian people, but not foolish enough to commit espionage on their behalf.

SHUBIN was next interviewed by FBI personnel of the New York Office on 2/23/49. This interview was again aimed at determining full and particular knowledge, which SHUBIN might have concerning IGNACY WITCZAK. The interview met with the same response as previously given by SHUBIN in 1946.

SHUBIN was next interviewed on 10/15/53, again by agent personnel of the New York Office. This interview was specifically directed at determining SHUBIN's knowledge regarding certain documents which were found in WITCZAK's possession. He denied any knowledge of these documents and became upset when this matter was brought up.

Comment

1. It was the opinion of the interviewing agents, particularly during 1953 interview that SHUBIN although permitting the interview, made little effort to cooperate. It is now known that he definitely lied during each of the above interviews.

2. SHUBIN became noticeably upset when the one tangible espionage connection between himself and WITCZAK was brought up.

V. FOREIGN TRAVEL

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Having received his first passport in June, 1938, SHUBIN travelled abroad during the period July, 1938 - January, 1940. Reportedly, this travel was for the purpose of studying economic geography and visiting industrial plants. In his original passport application, he did not enumerate Russia as one of the countries to be visited. However, his cancelled passport reflected that he entered Soviet Russia through Odessa on 5/13/39.

June 8, 1956 - June 24, 1956

(S) In June, 1959, [ ] advised that SHUBIN's automobile contained what appeared to be a permit to enter Mexico, dated 6/8/56. Subsequent investigation determined that SHUBIN entered Mexico on 6/8/56, and returned to the US on 6/24/56. SHUBIN's activities while in Mexico are unknown.

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(S) [ ] also advised that SHUBIN's auto contained various maps of the US and Canada.

September 8, 1956 - September 23, 1956

On 9/8/56, SHUBIN departed NYC via the "Queen of Bermuda" en route to Bermuda. He returned to NYC via Pan American Airlines on 9/23/56.

December 24, 1956 - January 1, 1957

On 12/24/56, SHUBIN departed NYC via BOAC en route to Nassau and returned to NYC on 1/1/57.

July 3, 1961 - September, 1961

On July 3, 1961, SHUBIN departed Los Angeles, California, en route to Europe. His travel companion was JOHN JOSEPH KULIKOFF. SHUBIN returned to NYC in early September, 1961. KULIKOFF, when interviewed by Special Agents of the Los Angeles Office on 1/7/63, advised that during this trip he was with SHUBIN when SHUBIN visited in Bulgaria and the Soviet Union.

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May 25, 1962 - September - October, 1962

On 5/25/62, SHUBIN departed NYC via steamship en route to Europe and returned to NYC in either September or October, 1962.

SHUBIN's activities during this trip are unknown.

June 29, 1963 - August 21, 1964

On 6/29/63, SHUBIN departed Los Angeles, California, en route to London, England. He returned to territorial US on 8/21/64, at Honolulu.

His travelling companion for a portion of this trip was MYRNA LOSKUTOFF.

During this trip SHUBIN was on sabbatical leave from NYU. It has been ascertained that he visited the following countries:

England  
Italy  
Russia  
Greece  
Pakistan  
India  
Egypt  
Malaya  
Japan

Comment

1. SHUBIN's trip to Mexico in 1956 has a possible intelligence significance on which further comment will be made later.

2. SHUBIN's travel to Bermuda, Nassau, and Mexico in 1956 could be readily performed without the benefit of a current US passport.

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3. SHUBIN's trips to Europe in 1961, 1962, and 1963 were also for intelligence purposes on which comment will be made later.

4. It is believed that SHUBIN's visit to the Soviet Union during 1963 most probably took place between early September and October 30, 1963. [ ] who visited the Soviet Union with SHUBIN during this trip returned to the US about 11/7/63. SHUBIN's sister-in-law, DONNA, who reportedly did not visit the Soviet Union with SHUBIN, but who was travelling with him, returned to the US in early September, 1963.

5. On 11/14/63, a confidential source of the Los Angeles Office determined that [ ] made a comment to SHUBIN's sister, VERA GALITZEN, that she had visited Russia with SHUBIN. [ ] told GALITZEN that she was surprised that she and SHUBIN were able to gain access to many Russian cities, which are usually not open to American tourists. b7C

6. [ ] was born in San Francisco, California. on [ ] and currently resides at [ ] Her father, [ ] was born in San Francisco on [ ] her mother, [ ] [ ] was born in Arizona on [ ] In her passport application, dated 6/21/63, she advised that she would be absent from the US for two months for educational purposes. She did not indicate that the Soviet Union was to be one of her proposed visits. [ ] reportedly is a friend of Mrs. DONNA SHUBIN, wife of SHUBIN's brother, NICK, and it was through this friendship that she became acquainted with the subject. There is no indication that SHUBIN had known. [ ] prior to 1963. b7C

#### VI. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

##### A. IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK

[ ] identified WITCZAK as a Soviet illegal agent of the GRU, who was operating in California. b7D

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Located in the personal belongings of WITCZAK was page 13, the last page, of an unclassified document, dated 1/28/45, pertaining to the electric hydraulic equipment utilized by the US Naval Dry Dock, Hunters Point, San Francisco, California. Subsequent investigation determined that SHUBIN, who was a close friend and associate of WITCZAK in Los Angeles, was one of a large group of individuals having access to this document. Of this group, SHUBIN was the only common denominator between the document and WITCZAK.

In September, 1945, a highly confidential source located in WITCZAK's possession a letter containing JOHN SHUBIN's personal history. This letter was addressed to the China - American Council of Commerce and Industry. This letter is especially significant since WITCZAK is known to have engaged in recruiting persons in the US to act as Soviet agents in the Orient.

Comment

1. Based on the above and bolstered by SHUBIN's close association with WITCZAK, which was determined by investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Office prior to WITCZAK's disappearance in November, 1945, considerable attention was paid to SHUBIN, his background, and associates. After WITCZAK's disappearance, SHUBIN was interviewed on several occasions and as previously noted, denied any knowledge of or participation in WITCZAK's illegal activities. SHUBIN's case was actively investigated from 1945 until early 1954, when investigation failed to disclose any evidence or activities on SHUBIN's part inimicable to the national security.

B. PANCASE

In [redacted] was furnished with the following information re SHUBIN. This information was furnished to the informant by [redacted]  
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"JOHN SHUBIN worked in Seattle in dry dock as an engineer. Gave documents, receiving some of those through his friends PROJOROV and KONOVALOFF. He worked as well with well known to you PETER. His address in 1946 was 1435 S. Haywrth Avenue, telephone WH-0039. In case of disruption there was an agreement to phone JOHN SHUBIN and ask, Is it Dr. SMITH's residence? JOHN SHUBIN answers that it's a mistake. It means that the meeting must take place at the entrance of the church on La Rene Street (eastern part of Seattle) on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Both must have green ties and green handkerchiefs in the breast pockets. Our man must ask: 'Don't you know where SEMEN SEMENOVICH lives now?' JOHN SHUBIN must answer: 'In the past he lived on Grameron Drive.'"

In addition to SHUBIN the names and similar identifying data regarding six other individuals was furnished to the informant by [redacted] related to the informant that the individuals were Soviet agents with whom contacts had been disrupted. The informant was instructed to attempt to recontact these individuals in an effort to reactivate them. The informant, [redacted]

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[redacted] denied following these instructions and stated he had not contacted any of the individuals.

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The information furnished the informant was in code, and the exact decoded message reads as above. Omitting misspellings in the message, agent personnel familiar with the investigation at the time, noted obvious errors in the SHUBIN information. "It would appear the Soviets used the word Seattle where they should have used the word Los Angeles. . . . If the city "Los Angeles" were inserted on each occasion that the city "Seattle" is mentioned, the information would be most accurate.

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Also, from the known background of SHUBIN as well as the recognition, parole to be utilized in re-establishing contact, it was believed that SHUBIN should have been identified as an agent of WITCZAK and not "PETER."

Subsequent investigation by various field offices did not uncover a suspect for 'PROJOROV'; however, "KONAVALOFF" is believed to be JOHN JOHN CONOVALOFF, SHUBIN's brother-in-law (the husband of SHUBIN's sister, ANN, whom CONOVALOFF married on 10/5/41.)

JOHN JOHN CONOVALOFF was employed at the Douglas Aircraft Company in the Los Angeles area from 1940 - 1944.

Comment

1. From the nature of the information furnished in the Pancase, it would appear that as of August, 1955, the Soviets were not in contact with SHUBIN. If SHUBIN was an active agent at that time, the utilization of [ ] as an intermediary would not have been necessary. b7D

2. It is not known when or by what means SHUBIN has been reactivated into the Soviet Intelligence apparatus; however, as previously noted, SHUBIN travelled to Mexico in June, 1956, and remained there for over two weeks. This trip may have been Soviet directed when it is recalled that in May, 1959, AKE SANDLER, another Pancase subject, was contacted by ANDREI IVANOVICH GALAGIN. GALAGIN attempted to reactivate SANDLER by having him travel to Mexico to meet IGNACY WITCZAK.

ANDREI I. GALAGIN was formerly Liaison Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency at the United Nations, NYC. He has been identified as a GRU Soviet Intelligence agent by [ ] He departed the US in November, 1962. b7D

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3. From the Pancase information it was definitely established that SHUBIN had been a GRU agent. He supplied the Soviets with documents presumably through WITCZAK. SHUBIN in turn had had two "friends", who knowingly or unwittingly also furnished documents.

4. Bearing in mind that one of the documents presumably furnished by SHUBIN to WITCZAK originated at the Naval Dry Dock in California, SHUBIN's employment at the Naval Dry Dock Terminal, Los Angeles, California becomes pertinent.

On 6/5/45, SHUBIN started his employment at this location. The employment was terminated in January, 1946. Investigation has determined that SHUBIN obtained this employment by falsification of his employment application, regarding both his past employments and education. When the 12th US Civil Service Region Office at San Francisco, California became aware of these falsifications, they instructed the Naval Dry Dock to terminate subject's employment. On 1/2/46, SHUBIN's resignation was accepted in lieu of discharge for falsification of his application form at the time of his employment.

For the following reasons it is believed that SHUBIN's employment at the Naval Dry Dock was in connection with his intelligence activities:

1. At the time SHUBIN sought employment at the Dry Dock as an engineer he was already an educated man having received his Masters Degree in Business Administration. Other employments suitable to a man of his education and available without falsification of his background must have been available in his chosen field.

2. A page of a Naval document accessible to SHUBIN during this employment was located in WITCZAK's possessions.

3. When questioned re this document SHUBIN became noticeably upset and denied any knowledge of it.

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C. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [ ]

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In August, 1963, [ ] advised that a professor of Economy at NYU is a GRU agent. This professor had visited Bulgaria in August of 1962, and knows LITWIN.

As previously noted, SHUBIN departed the US on 5/25/62, en route to Europe. He returned to NYC in either September or October, 1962. Also, as previously noted, JOHN JOSEPH KULIKOFF advised that during SHUBIN's 1961 trip to Europe, SHUBIN visited various government offices in Bulgaria.

(FNU) LITWIN

In March, 1962, [ ] advised that a Soviet, whose true name was LITWIN, had operated as an illegal agent (GRU) in the US from about 1938, until about 1952. According to the informant, LITWIN was then (1962) employed in the GRU Center in Moscow, where he was considered to be an expert on illegal agent activities. The informant did not know of the name LITWIN utilized while serving in the US in his illegal capacity.

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(S) Also in 1962, the informant advised that another GRU illegal [ ] had been "the boss" of LITWIN and had been instrumental in providing LITWIN with documentation when LITWIN first entered the US.

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(S) [ ] has been identified as BENJAMIN WILLIAM LASSEN, who operated the Raven Electronic Company in NYC, between 1940 and 1950, at which time he left the US.

In May, 1962, [ ] identified without hesitation a photo of GEORGE KOVAL as being identical with LITWIN.

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GEORGE KOVAL

Investigation into the background and activities of GEORGE KOVAL was initiated by the Bureau in September, 1954, due to KOVAL's employment at the Raven Electronic Company, NYC, during the period 1939 - 1943. It was determined that KOVAL departed the US in 1948, reportedly to conduct business as the European sales representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation. No information was developed as to whether KOVAL ever returned to the US subsequent to 1948.

At no point during the KOVAL investigation was SHUBIN's name uncovered. However, it is noted that KOVAL entered CCNY on 9/5/46, and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Electronics Engineering Degree on 2/1/48. SHUBIN in early 1947, while in California stated that he was travelling to NYC by auto and planned to take a teaching position at CCNY. SHUBIN was in fact an instructor of Business Administration at CCNY on a part-time basis from September, 1947 until at least February, 1953.

During the KOVAL investigation, his friends, acquaintances, college instructors, and several students who were at CCNY with KOVAL during the period 1946 - 1948, were interviewed. As mentioned above, no information was developed that would link SHUBIN to KOVAL.

Comment

1. Upon receipt of the Pancase information the New York Office reopened the SHUBIN investigation in late 1956. This case has been in a pending status to date. From 1956 to 1963, various investigative techniques including fisurs, [redacted]

[redacted] and anonymous sources were utilized in an effort to determine if SHUBIN was a Soviet agent. Although this investigation determined and identified SHUBIN's contacts, and friends, no

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positive intelligence activity was uncovered and the only indication of possible intelligence significance was in connection with SHUBIN's trip to Mexico in 1956, and his travels to Europe in 1961, 1962, and 1963.

2. It is noted that [redacted], in August, 1963, used the present tense when describing SHUBIN's status as a GRU agent.

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3. As noted above, [redacted] unhesitatingly identified a photo of GEORGE KOVAL as being identical with LITWIN. However, various discrepancies between the known background of KOVAL and LITWIN were noted. These discrepancies are not being listed here, since as far as KOVAL is related to SHUBIN they become academic. As far as the informant is concerned, KOVAL is LITWIN. In August, 1963, when he would have been in a more advantageous position to determine if his identification had been erroneous he did not so advise. He made no amendment or correction to his original identification.

4. It is noted with interest that the only two known Soviet contacts of SHUBIN have been illegal agents, WITCZAK and LITWIN. This may give some basis for a working hypothesis that SHUBIN's intelligence assignment is in connection with the support or control of illegal agents.

5. It is recalled that previously in this memorandum (comment number 1 Pancase) the opinion was offered that SHUBIN was not in contact with the Soviets in August, 1955. According to the Pancase information, SHUBIN's last address known to the Soviets was in California, thus indicating that SHUBIN was inactive between 1946 - August, 1955. SHUBIN maintained permanent residence and employment in NYC from late 1947 until the present time. If SHUBIN was working with KOVAL during the period 1947 - 1948 (KOVAL departed the US in 1948) why was only SHUBIN's 1946 address known to the Soviets? The following explanations are offered:

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- (a) The Soviets were aware of SHUBIN's 1955 address in NYC but furnished false information to [ ] to test his reliability. b7D
- (b) SHUBIN's "knowing LITWIN" predated 1946 and did not come about because of their concurrent presence at CCNY during the period 1947 - 1948. It is noted that LITWIN (KOVAL) had been in the US since 1939.
- (c) SHUBIN's "knowing LITWIN" came subsequent to 1955, sometime between the period 1955 - August, 1963. LITWIN left the US in 1948, and was reportedly thereafter employed at the GRU Center in Moscow. SHUBIN visited the Soviet Union and Moscow in particular in 1961 and 1963. [ ] who will be mentioned later, advised that SHUBIN was in contact with an unnamed GRU officer in Moscow sometime during the period 1958 - 1960. LITWIN could have been this officer. b1 b3

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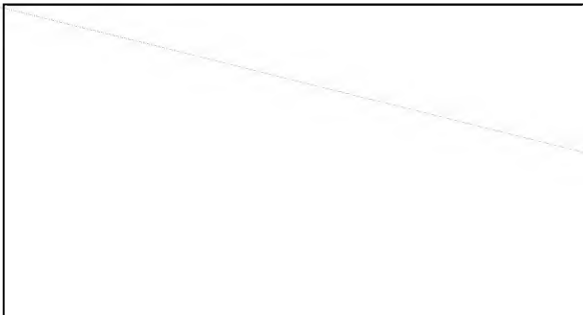
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VII. CURRENT STATUS

SHUBIN has returned to NYC from his sabbatical leave. He re-entered US territory at Honolulu on 8/21/64; re-entered continental US at Los Angeles, California, on 8/24/64, and was first observed in NYC on 9/28/64. He resides alone, as in the past, in Apartment 4A, 12 East 8th Street, NYC. He is employed as a professor of Economics at NYU, Washington Square, NYC. His exact schedule has been previously furnished the Bureau (NY letter 11/3/64.)

VIII. PROPOSED FUTURE INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES

SHUBIN's activities as a GRU agent are for the most part an unknown quantity. With the exception of the Pancase information to the effect that "he furnished documents" to the Soviets circa 1945, no other intelligence activity is known. This unknown quantity continues to exist in spite of the fact that SHUBIN's activities have been followed and investigated almost continually for the last nineteen years.

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The one major area where SHUBIN's activities have not been followed is during his trips abroad. In this connection it is noted that [ ] and most probably [ ] have both identified SHUBIN as a GRU agent precisely because of his activities abroad.

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By letter dated 9/17/63, the Bureau pointed out that because of SHUBIN's frequent trips abroad it is entirely possible that he has no personal contacts with Soviets in the US, but his contacts are made abroad.

The primary aim of the proposed investigation in this case will be the penetration of SHUBIN's intelligence activities by all means available. Obviously, the most optimistic end result would be the "doubling" of SHUBIN and having him act in place under our direction.

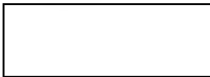
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NY letter to the Bureau, 11/3/64, stated that to date the SHUBIN case does offer prosecutive potential. The following is the documentation of SHUBIN's known connections with Soviet Intelligence:

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Allegation

Page 13 of an unclassified Naval document was located amongs WITCZAK's possessions.

Source



Availability For Court Testimony

The chain of evidence with regard to the location and identification of this document could be produced in court. However, there is no evidence to substantiate that SHUBIN did give this document to WITCZAK, only that SHUBIN would have access to it.

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Allegation

A letter located in WITCZAK's possessions contained the personal background and history of SHUBIN. It was addressed to the China - America Council of Commerce and Industry, Inc., San Francisco.

Source

LA T-1 (anonymous), Los Angeles report of SAA FRANCIS D. COOLEY dated 11/21/51 page 9.

Availability For Court Testimony

Unavailable for court production.

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SHUBIN is a Soviet Agent on the West Coast with whom the Soviets have most contact.

[redacted] who furnished this information orally to [redacted]  
[redacted]

Obviously, [redacted] b7C  
is not available to testify. As far as b7D  
the New York Office is aware, [redacted]  
is also not available to testify.

SHUBIN gave documents to the Soviets

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[redacted] to [redacted] by [redacted]  
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Same objections as b7C  
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Allegation

Unsub  
professor  
of Economy  
at NYU is a  
GRU agent.

SHUBIN was in  
contact with an  
unnamed GRU  
officer in  
Moscow sometime  
during the  
period 1958 -  
1960.

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Availability For  
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Even if available,  
this information is  
at best hearsay and  
circumstantial.

The New York Office does not believe that future investigation should be restricted to those avenues of approach which would produce admissible evidence. The fact that SHUBIN is a US citizen and thus opened to prosecution will be borne in mind, and every effort will be made to obtain admissible evidence.

The following coverage is being and/or will be afforded to SHUBIN:

1. Physical Surveillance

Extensive discreet physical surveillances of SHUBIN are not feasible. He is presumed an accomplished intelligence agent of long experience who would be ever conscious to the presence of a surveillance.

Also, the physical area of SHUBIN's residence does not offer discreet vantage points to monitor his comings and goings.

The immediate area of SHUBIN's residence and nearby employment is inundated with NYU teaching personnel and students.

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[REDACTED] It is anticipated that physical surveillances will be utilized only when a specific purpose is expected to be accomplished.

A survey of buildings in the area of SHUBIN's residence suitable for a permanent confidential lookout has determined that only one building has vacancies. The only suitable available apartment would rent for \$350 per month. (The above survey was conducted without the Agent personnel identifying themselves.)

The New York Office will be alert for any available location suitable to be utilized as a confidential lookout.

## 2. Financial Coverage

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has been instrumental in identifying certain of SHUBIN's associations.

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[REDACTED] may be able to develop a personal friendship with SHUBIN. This avenue of approach will be further explored.

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The New York Office is also in the process of developing background data on [REDACTED] to be directed against SHUBIN. These individuals are:

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If nothing precludes the utilization of the above three individuals they should be in a position to furnish some information pertaining to SHUBIN's activities in and around his residence as well as possibly identifying any visitors to SHUBIN's apartment.

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[redacted] would be very  
valuable in this regard. Also, [redacted]  
[redacted] on SHUBIN is also  
possible.

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As indicated above, there is presently no source in contact with SHUBIN at his employment, NYU. It is anticipated that every effort will be made to develop a PSI at SHUBIN's place of employment. This will necessitate the utilization of a member of NYU's teaching personnel. Bureau policy in this regard will be kept in mind. A possible source of PSI material is the group of approximately 80 professors of Economics at NYU on whom some investigation has been conducted in the case entitled, "UNSUB; Professor of Economy of NYU Who is GRU Agent and Who Visited Bulgaria, August, 1962." (NY file 65-22496, Bufile 65-68334.)

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6. To date, neither SHUBIN's name nor photograph have been exhibited to [redacted]. The New York Office believes that SHUBIN's name and photograph (1961 passport photograph) should be exhibited to [redacted] although this informant's scope of knowledge is not within the area of SHUBIN's activity, the fact that SHUBIN has in recent years visited Moscow on two occasions may have come to this informant's attention.

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## 7. Travel Coverage

As noted herein SHUBIN's frequent travel outside continental US has had intelligence significance. Little coverage has been afforded SHUBIN during these trips. It is anticipated that as any future travel plans are uncovered the New York Office will make specific recommendations for a more intensive type of coverage.

IX. REINTERVIEW WITH SHUBIN

The secondary purpose of the preceeding review of the SHUBIN investigation is to explore the possibility of a productive interview with SHUBIN in the near future.

Within the past year there have been various recommendations made as to an interview with SHUBIN and JOHN JOHN CONOVALOFF subsequent to SHUBIN's return from his most recent trip abroad.

(a) Bureau letter to San Francisco dated 11/12/63, entitled, "ERIC MARTIN PANTKE, ESPIONAGE - R" instructed that the reactivation potential of PANTKE should no longer be a deterrent to logical active investigations originating with or relating to the PANTKE case.

(b) San Francisco letter to the Bureau 12/31/64, entitled, "PANCASE, ESPIONAGE - R" recommended that SHUBIN and CONOVALOFF (principal suspect for UNSUB; KONOVALOFF) be simultaneously interviewed upon SHUBIN's return to NYC in "mid - 1964."

San Francisco further recommended that any interviews should be conducted [redacted]

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San Francisco suggested that it would be very unlikely that a routine interview of the Panasse subjects would result in a voluntary admission of involvement in Soviet Espionage. (This is particularly true in SHUBIN's case.) [redacted]

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(c) NY letter to the Bureau dated 12/27/63, entitled, "UNSUB; aka PROJORY, ESPIONAGE - R", offered the opinion that in view of the highly sensitive nature of [redacted]

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[redacted]  
it was not then believed that an interview of SHUBIN and CONOVALOFF would produce anything of sufficient value which would justify the risk to the informant [redacted].

This communication further pointed out that personal contact with [redacted] was anticipated by 1965, at which time further information relating to SHUBIN could be developed.

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In short, this communication expressed two reasons for not interviewing SHUBIN upon his return to the US:

1. The security of [redacted] might be jeopardized.
2. Recontact with [redacted] at a later date would develop further information about SHUBIN without alerting him to our continued interest.

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(d) San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated 1/6/64 entitled "PANCASE, ESPIONAGE - R" concurred in the recommendations expressed in New York Office letter dated 12/27/63, that neither SHUBIN nor CONOVALOFF be interviewed.

The above communications synopsizes the recommendations and objections to an interview with SHUBIN upon his return to the US in 1964. The main objections being the security of [ ] and the fact that subsequent recontact with that informant offered a better avenue of approach.

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It is felt that recent events have materially minimized the above objections. (S)

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As far as recontact with [ ] is concerned, recent public revelations in the JARO trial have not enhanced the probability of recontact with this informant in the near future.

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It is felt that there are three main considerations to be evaluated in proposing an interview with SHUBIN in the near future:

1. The security of the informants involved.
2. Is this the best approach available to attain the end purpose of this investigation - the penetration of this particular aspect of the Soviet Intelligence apparatus.
3. What are the chances of this interview being productive.

1. It is not believed that an interview with SHUBIN would jeopardize [redacted] His information did not name SHUBIN per se, although there is little doubt that he was referring to SHUBIN. We have knowledge, through [redacted] [redacted] SHUBIN did visit Bulgaria in 1961, at which time he also visited the USSR. [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] It is not anticipated [redacted] would be either mentioned or inferred during the interview.

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The San Francisco Office has suggested [redacted]

[redacted] but it is warranted to assure any degree of success in the interview.

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2. Is an interview the best avenue of approach to achieve our goal of penetration?

As noted before, SHUBIN has been under active investigation almost continually for the last 19 years. This investigation has included all types of coverage including interview. The results have been a good insight into SHUBIN the person.

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Can we expect our future coverage, even more limited in nature, to be more successful than our prior coverage? This is doubtful, unless SHUBIN should make a serious blunder. This is not to be construed as a criticism of past coverage nor as taking a defeatist attitude towards future coverage proposed above. Intelligence knowledge may be absent for the simple reason the intelligence activities by SHUBIN in the US are nil. It has been suggested several times in the SHUBIN investigation that his value to the Soviets may be directly related to his frequent travel outside continental US. He may do nothing in this country to in any way compromise his position. His may be the classic "third country" operation.

3. What are the chances of an interview with SHUBIN being productive:

An interview, as the best avenue of approach, can only be considered if that interview can have some logical chance of success. An integral part of any interview is the nature and personality of the person to be interviewed. These are the intangibles and cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty. There are some known facts available upon which conjecture can be offered, but it remains only that - conjecture.

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Briefly, those facts which mitigate against a successful interview are:

1. We have no prosecutable case against SHUBIN. Thus, this cannot be used as a lever to insure his cooperation.
2. SHUBIN, an educated American citizen, must be aware that any admissions on his part as to a guilty involvement in Soviet espionage would subject him to possible prosecution.
3. SHUBIN has been totally uncooperative in prior interviews.
4. He must have a strong feeling of security since during prior interviews he has said nothing and there have been no repercussions. He would have every reason to believe that silence would be his best weapon.
5. Finally, if SHUBIN were interviewed and remained uncooperative, we would have alerted him to our current interest.

There are other factors however, which would act as an indication that an interview may be successful:

1. Although uncooperative, SHUBIN has nevertheless permitted the interviews in the past, thus we can anticipate success as to merely gaining an entree.
2. Even though immunity to prosecution cannot be promised or inferred, it could be pointed out to SHUBIN that in other similar cases, the US Government has expressed the opinion that the full cooperation of an individual like himself with the Government has been assessed as a greater value to the country than an isolated prosecution.

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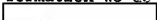
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In summary, if an interview with SHUBIN was unproductive, we would have made our current interest known to him, and we would have alerted him to the information we do possess. 

 our current interest may very easily be already known, if not to SHUBIN, at least to the Soviets.

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On the other hand should the interview be productive we will gain an insight into some phases of GRU activity as it is known to an agent of long standing who has just recently returned from Moscow.

It would appear that the potential gain outweighs the inherent risk always present in an interview of this nature. Even in an unproductive interview, it would be impressed upon SHUBIN that the alternate method would be an intensive open investigation. If accomplishing nothing else, an open investigation may destroy his usefulness to the Soviets.

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Similarly, should SHUBIN prove uncooperative, it could be forcefully pointed out to him that such cases as his, have in the past, been afforded publicity through some legal hearings or procedures. Such disclosures, particularly attributed to the "recent defector" would not, to say the least, further his career in his chosen field.

X. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE

The following are the recommendations of the New York Office:

1. The above described proposed activities will be put into effect.
2. The New York Office will closely follow information furnished by [ ] b7D
3. Bureau authority will be requested to interview [ ] previously mentioned. b7D b7E
4. Efforts will be made to further establish [ ] b7D b7E
5. Efforts will be made to logically place [ ] in contact with SHUBIN. b7D
6. The New York Office will be alert to develop anonymous sources.

These investigative steps and any other logical investigation will be continued in effect until it has been reasonably established that SHUBIN has returned to his normal pattern of activities as established by prior investigation. Should SHUBIN return to his usual pattern, and in the absence of any further specific intelligence information, it is anticipated that the New York Office will request Bureau authority to interview SHUBIN. If this authority is requested, full particulars regarding the interview along with a definite interview approach plan will be furnished to the Bureau for its approval.



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XI. REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Bureau authority is requested for the New York Office to furnish to [ ] SHUBIN's name and photograph for possible identification.

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Offices receiving copies of this communication are those offices which presently have an active interest in the SHUBIN or related investigations, and comments or suggestions from them are welcome.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC (65-21273)

FROM: SA JAMES P. KEHOE (#33)

SUBJECT:   
ESP - R

DATE: 5/4/66

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Reference:

NY airtel, captioned   
dated 4/18/66

Source:

Date of Contact:

4/2/66

Contacted By:

SA JOHN F. MABEY

Characterization:

A confidential informant  
who has furnished reliable  
information in the past

1-NY (105-7159)

1-Bu (105-25436) (DR. GEORGE TAUBER)

1-NY (65-15896)

1-Bu (65-60531) (JOHN A. SHUBIN)

1-NY (65-14635-A2)

1-Bu (65-56847) (SIS-GRU)

1-NY (65-16756)

1-Bu (65-62911) (GEORGE KOVAL)

1-NY (65-21847)

1-Bu (65-67426) (UNSUB; )

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1-NY (105-32597)

1-Bu (105-73453) (VALENTIN A.  
ANTONOV)

1-NY (65-21168)

1-Bu (65-67298) (NEDOC)

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Name

KOVAL

GEORGE

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Address

(Number and street)

(City)

(State)

Date of birth (include  
month, day, year)

12/25/13

Nationality

American

Identifying Number

☒ Passport

US #170092

Requesting state

NY

Type of request

☒ F1 ☐ F2 ☐ F3

☐ Alien Registration

☐ Other

Date of request  
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Certain information furnished by [ ] will be of such a nature as to necessitate a classification above "~~Confidential~~", since the disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons could have a detrimental effect upon international relations and the national defense. In all other instances, a classification of "~~Confidential~~" will be adequate if the information relates to Soviet nationals and can be adequately paraphrased.

When disseminating information received from [ ] no reference should be made to the time (date, month or year) the information was received. This should be set forth administratively.

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Suitable paraphrasing of the information to be disseminated, plus concealment of the time of its receipt, will materially assist in concealing the identity of the source.

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[ ] Such information is of no investigative value and its indiscriminate and unwarranted misuse could endanger the informant's sensitive position.

IN VIEW OF THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE POSITION OF  
EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING  
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THE INFORMANT OR REVEAL HIS IDENTITY.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY (45-16756)

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL

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DATE: 4/30/67

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DATE 07-29-2010

A summary of captured case has  
been prepared and submitted in connection  
with project [REDACTED]

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(S) In view of completion of above, this  
case is being returned to a closed status.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

DATE: 6/2/67

FROM: SA JAMES P. KEHOE (#33)

SUBJECT: George KOVAL

Attached herewith is [redacted]  
[redacted]

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All other names besides the subject's have been indexed in [redacted] Case and therefore no indexing is necessary [redacted]

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TO : SAC (105-92200)

FROM : SUPV. JOHN F. MABEY (#34)

SUBJECT: (S) [REDACTED] b1  
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DATE: 12/12/67

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(S) [REDACTED] b1  
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[REDACTED] agents  
receiving a copy of this memorandum are requested  
to submit, in blind memorandum form, the following  
data by 1/31/68 relative to:

Title of case  
NYfile number  
Origin of case

GEORGE KAVAIL

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In regard to the over-all project, the portion  
captioned "IV. Intelligence Information Furnished By  
Defectors Relative to the Identification of Soviet  
Agents", will play an important part in the analysis  
of each Soviet defector since it will provide insight  
into the value of the information furnished by  
the defector.

To attain this objective and to assure uniformity  
in reporting such data, Bureau desires that data be  
obtained relative to each case concerning the following  
points:

1. Brief resume of the data furnished by the  
Soviet defector in the case concerned.
2. Is this a new case? If not, from whom did  
we previously learn about the subject? Is the  
defector's data consistent with or at variance  
with previous information we have received  
regarding the subject?

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3. When and how was the information received by the Soviet defector and when was it furnished to our interviewing agents?

4. Has the defector clarified, enlarged upon or changed original data regarding the subject? Has the defector been asked to furnish additional data regarding the subject and has he been able to do so or shown a disposition to cooperate in this respect? If the subject's identity is known, how was the identification effected?

5. If subject is unidentified, what are the prospects for making an identification? Is the case a time-waster?

6. What significance does the case have from the following standpoints:

a. Does the subject have access to classified information?

b. If subject has no access to classified data, what is the objective of the Soviets?

c. What are the possibilities of (1) doubling subject; (2) prosecutive action; (3) action against the Soviet principal who is involved in the operation; (4) what other advantage could be derived by the Bureau from the case; (5) does the case, as developed, constitute damage to the Soviets?

7. Any other comments based on case review which you believe would be pertinent to the analysis as they relate to the bona fides of the Soviet defector.

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NY 105-92200

In the event the NYO file does not reflect the complete results of investigation (e.g. NYO not OO), submit those items reflected in the NY file and thereafter attach cover sheet to blind memo setting out lead for OO that will enable completion of blind memorandum.

The following outline should be used by SAS in preparing their blind memorandum: (Use captions as underlined.)

I. Basic Information From Defector.

II. Information From Other Defectors.

III. Summary Of Case: (Include what was known of case prior to defector information and full identification of subject or suspect.)

IV. Evaluation Of Case: (Include information re "damage" assesment etc., as under number 6 of Bureau instructions as well as current status of subject and case.)

V. Miscellaneous: (As instructed under number 7 of Bureau instructions.)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (105-92200)

DATE: SEP 10 1968

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FROM : SA [redacted] (#34)

SUBJECT: (S) [redacted]

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(S) Re New York memorandum of Supv. JOHN F. MABEY,  
captioned as above, dated 12/12/67, requesting the preparation  
of a blind memorandum for a particular case relative to the  
[redacted]

Attached herewith is one (1) copy of the completed  
blind memorandum as it appears in the [redacted]. This  
copy is to be placed in the main case file for this particular  
case at the NYO.

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(S) It is to be noted that the writeup prepared for  
the [redacted] was done in an effort to evaluate  
the overall material furnished by a defector. This writeup  
was completed during the period January - June, 1968, and in  
some cases, current investigation was being conducted.  
Therefore, this writeup should not be used in any sense as  
a substitute for the case file itself, and any action relative  
to this case should emanate from a review of all the material  
in the original case file and not exclusively from the writeup  
as is presented in the [redacted]

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To: ~~ADIC~~, New York (65-16756)  
SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re: George Koval  
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FBIHQ believes further interview of [redacted]

New York, since it was the office of origin in captioned matter, should therefore select its most knowledgeable and experienced Special Agent (SA) in FCI matters to conduct the interview. The interviewing SA should not only be intimately familiar with captioned matter but with illegal matters generally. In addition, he should be conversant with regard to [redacted]

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New York is reminded that our leads to Koval stemmed from a sensitive source who should not be alluded to during the course of the interview. ~~(S)~~ (S)

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Albany should arrange [redacted]

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[redacted] an agreeable date for interview and should then so advise New York. The New York SAs are authorized to travel for the interview and additional authorization is not required. ~~(S)~~ (U)

(S) Albany and New York note [redacted] that the above information be handled on a strict need-to-know basis. (U)

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FROM: SAC, ALBANY (65-3021) (P)  
SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re Bureau airtel to New York dated 3/2/78.

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RE ALBANY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, MARCH 29, 1978 AND TELCALLS

TO NEW YORK SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] APRIL 10 AND 11, 1978.

ON APRIL 10, 1978, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN, CONTACTED ALBANY

FBI RE DETAILS OF PROPOSED INTERVIEW ON APRIL 19, 1978. SHE

WAS UNAVAILABLE WHEN INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND DESIRED  
TO KNOW WHETHER FBI TRANSLATOR WAS NECESSARY AND HOW MANY  
PERSONS INVOLVED. SHE WAS ADVISED THREE FBI EMPLOYEES,  
INCLUDING ONE TRANSLATOR, WERE INVOLVED IN THE INTERVIEW.

NECESSITY OF SITUATION EXPLAINED TO HER, I.E. THOROUGH

BACKGROUND, PRECONSIDERATION OF PHRASING OF QUESTIONS IN

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, ETC. SHE ADVISED SOLZHENITSYN DID NOT

WANT MANY PEOPLE BUT WOULD EXPLAIN SITUATION TO

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ON APRIL 11, 1978, SHE RECONTACTED ALBANY OFFICE AND ADVISED SOLZHENITSYN ONLY WANTED ONE PERSON TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW AND THAT HE WAS ADAMANT IN THAT POSITION. SHE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS PLACED THE BUREAU IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION AND ATTRIBUTED HIS VIEW TO HIS NOT THOROUGHLY UNDERSTANDING INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY. SUBSTANTIAL CONVERSATION OCCURRED WITH

[REDACTED] CONCERNING THE DIFFICULTY THIS IMPOSED UPON BUREAU IN CONDUCTING A MEANINGFUL INTERVIEW AND SHE SAID SHE WOULD BRING THIS TO HIS ATTENTION.

CONTINUED NEGOTIATION OF THIS MATTER THROUGH [REDACTED] BY THE ALBANY OFFICE APPEARS TO BE FRUITLESS IN THAT SHE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A SYMPATHETIC ADVOCATE.

NEW YORK KNOWS BEST THE COMPLEXITY OF THE TOPIC AND THE NECESSITY FOR TWO SPECIAL AGENTS AND IT APPEARS WITHOUT QUESTION THAT THE PRESENCE OF A BUREAU TRANSLATOR IS ESSENTIAL.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

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SUFFICIENTLY ACQUAINTED WITH SOLZHENITSYN WHO COULD  
COMMUNICATE WITH HIM IN RUSSIAN AND INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF  
THE BUREAU TO ALLOW TWO SPECIAL AGENTS AND TRANSLATOR FOR  
THIS INTERVIEW.

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REALTEL APRIL 12, 1978, COPY TO NEW YORK.

IN VIEW OF ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN'S ADAMANT REFUSAL TO BE INTERVIEWED BY TWO SPECIAL AGENTS AND AN INTERPRETER, FBIHQ FEELS THAT POSITION SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED FURTHER. THIS OPINION IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE FBI HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD ACCESS TO SOLZHENITSYN, AND OUR INITIAL INTERVIEW MAY DETERMINE THE COURSE OF FURTHER CONTACTS WITH HIM. FURTHER, SINCE THIS MATTER IS PRIMARILY OF HISTORICAL INTEREST, IT IS NOT FELT IT BECOME A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. (C)

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SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE IS  
THEREFORE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW. HE SHOULD FAMILIAR-  
IZE HIMSELF WITH CAPTIONED MATTER PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO  
THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN BUREAU AIRTEL OF MARCH 2, 1978.  
NEW YORK SHOULD CONTINUE TO COORDINATE THIS MATTER WITH ALBANY.

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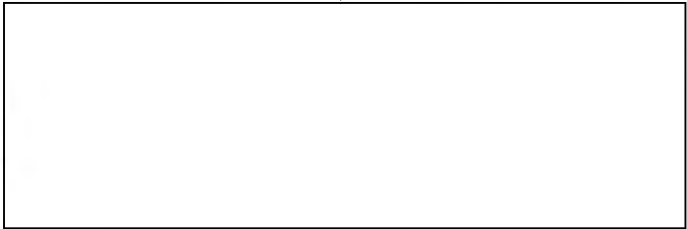
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FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

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May 4, 1978

George Koval

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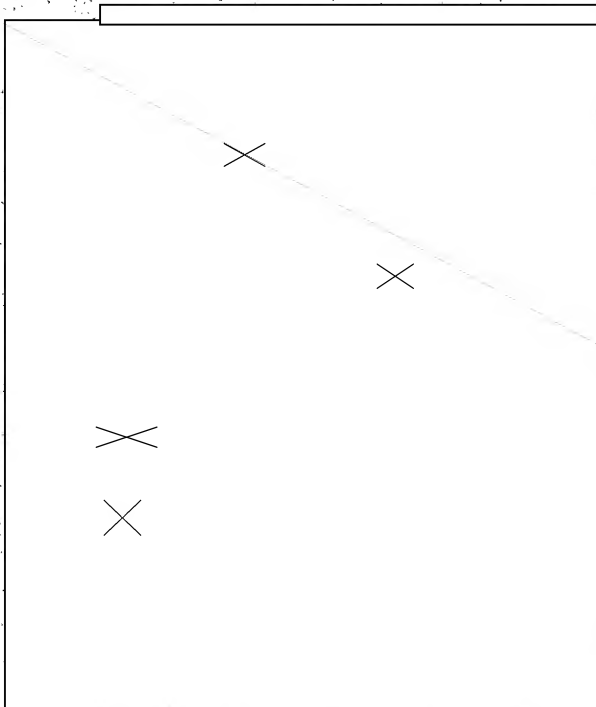
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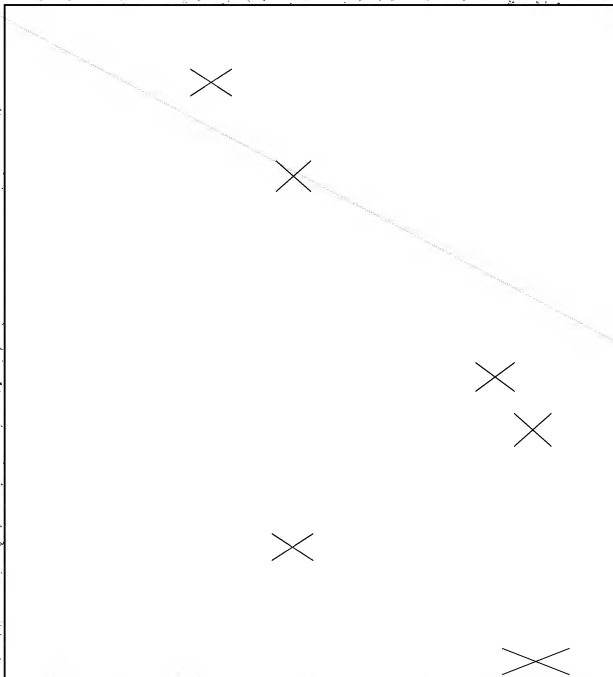
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Upon entering the compound, [redacted] greeted the interviewing agent and escorted him to the chalet/study where she made appropriate introductions. The interview was conducted entirely in the Russian language and in the presence of [redacted] (U)

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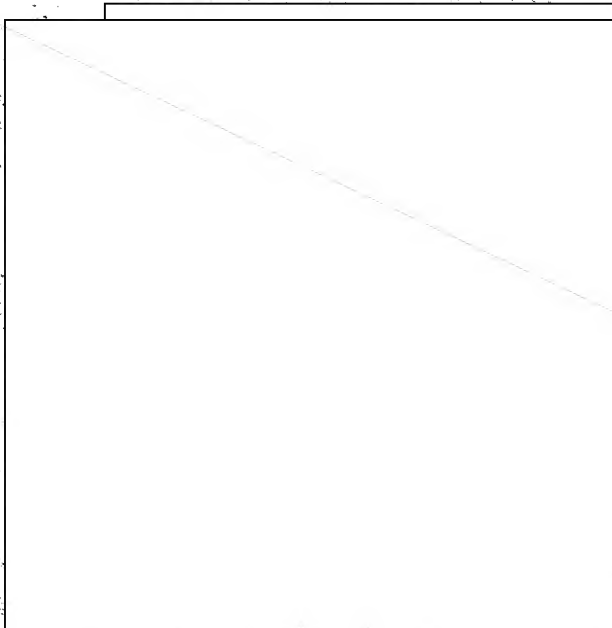
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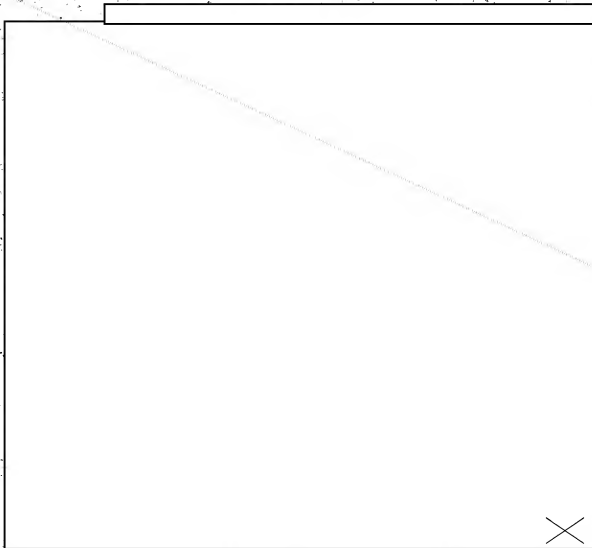
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To: ADIC, New York (65-16756)

From: Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Reurlet dated 5/4/78.

FBIHQ recognizes the problems encountered by New York in its recent interview of Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn regarding captioned matter and appreciates the detailed background information which you provided in referenced letter. In regard to the telephone call to the American Embassy, Moscow, USSR, which purportedly implicated subject in the theft of U. S. atomic secrets, you requested \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ If additional identifying details are disclosed in the revised edition of The First Circle, your lead will be reconsidered. (S)

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